

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

The Budget

BY far the most stimulating, and comforting, feature of yesterday's budget, speech was the Hon. A. G. Clarke's assessment of the Colony's financial condition. It disclosed that a target (reserves equal to a year's revenue) had been reached; that there were no signs the Colony could not continue to pay its way; that increased taxation need not be considered in the foreseeable future.

For the first time, the Financial Secretary finds it possible to enunciate an order of priority for the financing of a budget deficit—should one materialise. First call is to be made on reserves. If the demand should be too heavy, then recourse to borrowing. And only as a last expedient, an increase in taxation.

The community applauds the Financial Secretary for this realistic and wholly practical approach to a problem which so far has no manifested itself, but which may do so at the end of the new financial year. It will set aside fears and generate widespread confidence in Government's financial policy. It is a declaration that is the sort of tonic the business community has been needing for some time past.

IN welcoming this part of the Financial Secretary's speech, we do not turn a deaf ear to the measured tones in which he emphasised the Colony's future heavy commitments, which, as he says, are likely to be so continuous as to render what normally would be capital expenditure into recurrent charges.

The catalogue of development works already completed or in hand is impressive enough, but a study of the priority lists for future schemes reawakens appreciation of the heavy financial burdens which lie ahead. There will be full agreement with His Excellency the Governor's observation that it will be necessary to strike the right balance between what is desirable and what can be done.

There is nothing sensational about the 1956-57 Estimates. As year succeeds year, new record budget figures are produced and the latest forecast is no exception. Revenue is expected to produce a fraction less than \$450 millions, and expenditure is estimated at \$493 millions—both record totals. They provide for a deficit, but it is a conservative estimate, and the Financial Secretary will not be very surprised if when next March arrives, it is found the deficit no longer exists.

THE important point about the budget is that Government finds it possible to anticipate a revenue increase of 8.7% million over the revised 1955-56 Estimates, and this without additional taxation, and at a time when there is no immediate prospect of any substantial easing of trade restrictions. The Colony's seemingly unlimited capacity for sustaining the Treasury must be the envy of governments and administrations in many parts of the world.

This is another good budget because, while there is to be no abatement next year of essential development work, the Colony will continue to pay its way. Even a deficit of \$43 million can be contemplated with equanimity. Hongkong's solvency is there for all to see—reserves of more than \$400 million and a public debt of \$65 million.

All this means Hongkong can look forward to another year of solid achievement in the provision of needful services, increased facilities for protecting the health of the community, and more recreational amenities.

'I feel I can
do my best'

BROADCASTS TO
THE NATION
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Are Not Great Ones'

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WITH SINCERITY

He spoke from notes he had prepared earlier.

"The work that I set out four years ago to do has not yet reached the state of development and fruition that I then hoped could be accomplished within the period of a single term in this office," said the President.

"So if the American people choose under the circumstances we decided, I shall persist in the way that has been chosen by my associates and myself. I shall continue, with earnestness, sincerity and enthusiasm, to discharge the duties of this office."

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PRAYED FOR HELP

Addressing his "fellow citizens" from his White House office, Mr. Eisenhower said he wanted to talk to them directly about his second term decision which, he said, he had reached only "after the most careful and devoutly prayerful consideration."

"I have decided that if the Republican Party chooses to renominate me, I shall accept," he said.

"Thereafter, if the people of the country should elect me, I shall continue to serve them in the office I now hold. I have concluded that I should permit the American people to have the opportunity to register their decision in this matter."

Mr. Eisenhower said he was guided first by the favourable reports of his doctors. He said they found that his heart was not enlarged, that his pulse and blood pressure were normal, that his blood analysis was excellent, his weight satisfactory and he had shown no "undue fatigue after... normal physical and mental activity."

"In addition," he continued, "I have consulted literally with multitudes of friends and associates, either personally or through correspondence."

NO BARN STORMING

"With their advice—once I had been assured of a favourable medical report, I have sought the path of personal responsibility and of duty to the immense body of citizens who have supported me and this administration in which we have been jointly trying to do for America."

The President, who ruled out any "barn storming" or "whistle-stop" campaign, said the final decision, however, was his alone. He said even the closest members of his family, including Mrs. Eisenhower, urged no specific course upon him.

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MARILYN FINED
FOR TRAFFIC
OFFENCE

Hollywood, Feb. 29.
Marilyn Monroe was fined \$56 today by a reluctant traffic judge, who lamented "I'd rather pay to see you on the green than have you pay to see me."

Miss Monroe returned to Hollywood after more than a year's absence in New York to face charges of driving without an operator's licence, driving too slowly and failing to appear after a citation was issued.—United Press.

'BOOKIES
BRIBE
CHIEF OF
POLICE'

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 29.

The ex-chief of police of Canada's third largest city, Vancouver, accepted bribes from underworld men in the spring of 1949, according to the report released today by a Royal Commission.

Mr. Reginald Tupper, Q.C., member of the Royal Commission in a report issued in the British Columbia legislature, reported that both the former police chief of Vancouver, Walter Muir, and former Detective Sergeant Leonard Culbert, paid two Vancouver bookmakers.

Charges of graft and corruption in the 750-man Vancouver police force were first published in the Toronto newspaper Flash, classified by the Commissioner of the force.

The attempted suicide of Culbert, who was charged with the murder of a woman, was the subject of a report in the Royal Commission into action. It heard 126 witnesses in 40 days of sittings.

The Columbia Attorney General, Mr. Robert Tupper, in commenting on the Tupper report, said a three-man committee composed of the Attorney General's department, a lawyer attached to the Royal Commission and the Vancouver City prosecutor, were at present studying the report plus the report of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police investigating team, as well as the transcript of evidence presented before the Commission.

The Committee, Mr. Tupper said, would make this study "to determine any future course of action."—United Press.

Pakistan Gets
Constitution

Karachi, Feb. 29.

The Pakistan Constituent Assembly tonight adopted the Pakistan constitution bill which was introduced on January 9, 1956.

Premier Mohamed Ali declared that the bill represented the "agreed views of the majority of East and West Pakistan." He said a number of suggestions by the Opposition had been accepted by the Coalition party and that to that extent the draft had improved.—Reuter.

Police v Workers

Buenos Aires, Feb. 29.

A pitched battle between police and several hundred workers broke out today at the rail yards of Cordoba, about 400 miles north-west of Buenos Aires.—France-Press.

The Dangers Of The Atom In Planes

London, Feb. 29.

The crash of an atomic powered plane could produce a cloud of radio-active waste products which would be lethal over a wide area, Sir John Cockcroft, director of atomic research at Harwell, said in London tonight.

Speaking to the Institute of Motor Engineers, Sir John said that British atomic laboratories were for this reason giving priority to the study of security problems relating to atomic powered planes.

He said the fuel elements in atomic planes were self-heating after operating in the reactors, thus they might catch fire on exposure to air. "The radio-active waste products would then disperse in a cloud and produce lethal effects," he said.

UK EXPERT SAYS:

'A Crash Could
Be Serious'

effects down wind for considerable distances.

He said research on atomic motors at Harwell was principally aimed at plane engines for commercial craft. The principal technical problem was to develop heat at a high enough temperature—700 to 800 degrees Centigrade—for a gas turbine propulsion unit.

Sir John said that atomic reactors at present being tested required protective shields weighing at least 50 tons. The planes to which they were

COURT ORDERS NEGRO
STUDENT: 'GO BACK
TO ALABAMA UNIVERSITY'

New York, Feb. 29.

A federal judge at Birmingham, Alabama, today ordered Miss Autherine Lucy, a Negro, readmitted to the University of Alabama by March 5.

Miss Lucy, the first Negro admitted to the University, was barred from classes after a riot on Feb. 6.

The University trustees, in barring her, said they were acting for her safety and for that of others.

NO DEFIANCE

In delivering judgment, Judge Hobart Grooms said no one "can carve out a province in North Alabama" to defy the Supreme Court.

At the same time the Court dismissed the allegation of Miss Lucy's lawyer that the governing board of the University had violated a Supreme Court decision against segregation in public education establishments. The Court ruled that the directors of the University had acted in all good faith when they decided to exclude Miss Lucy because of

the violence which had greeted her admission. The Chairman of the Court said he was going to study in more detail her demands for admission to the University dormitories.

'I'M GOING BACK'

"It means only one thing," said the triumphant Miss Lucy, first Negro student in the University's 125-year history. "I will be back in school on Monday morning."

Judge Grooms ordered her readmission despite a warning from the trustees that she "will probably be killed" if she returned to the campus. The same witness said nothing could be done "at the present time or in the immediate future" to ensure Miss Lucy's safety. However, the University President, Mr. O. C. Camichael, promised in advance of the trial to follow the Court's order although it might re-

quire extra police to protect Miss Lucy on her return. Governor James Folsom has pledged indirect support, saying he would do all in his power to prevent mob rule at the University or anywhere else in Alabama.

Judge Grooms said before reading the order: "There is some feeling this Court should carve out a province in North Alabama and should defy the Supreme Court of the United States."

APPEAL PLANNED

He said Miss Lucy had been admitted under direction of a Supreme Court decision. Her particular case has not yet reached the Supreme Court, but Judge Grooms apparently was referring to the High Court's sweeping ruling against segregated public education of May 17, 1954. The University plans to appeal to the High Court on the Lucy case.—All agencies.

DEADLOCK REPORTED
IN CYPRUS TALKS

Three Points Of Disagreement

Nicosia, Mar. 1.

Yesterday's talks between the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd and Archbishop Makarios, the Cypriot leader, ended in deadlock, reports France-Press.

The three vital points on which there was no agreement were: control of police, amnesty for convicted terrorists, and Cypriot insistence on a permanent transfer of the House of Representatives.

An official statement issued after the meeting said that the Colonial Secretary "personally set out Her Majesty's Government's position, both on constitutional points and on the question of an amnesty."

He also made clear the nature of the co-operation which the British Government hoped from Archbishop Makarios.

The Committee, Mr. Tupper said, would make this study "to determine any future course of action."—United Press.

was reported badly hurt in the chest and legs, but his condition was not dangerous.

It was understood that a Cypriot woman injured in one of the Nicosia explosions was the wife of a Royal Air Force man. Her condition was stated to be very serious.

Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd will return to London via Malta today.—All Agencies.

ENGINEERS'
PAY
GOES UP

London, Feb. 29.

Three million British engineering workers are to get wage increases of up to 12 shillings and sixpence a week from next Monday.

The increases, agreed at talks between employers and trade union representatives today, will cost the industry about £80 million a year.

Craftsmen will get 12/6 a week more, semi-skilled men 11/- a week more, and unskilled men an extra 9/6 a week.

Leaders of 39 unions in the industry asked for a 15 per cent boost which would have cost the industry about £165 million a year—a demand which the employers said in a statement before today's talks was "completely unrealistic."

If this claim had been granted craftsmen would have got about 20/- a week more and unskilled men about 20/- a week more.—Reuter.

Diphtheria Scare
In US City

New York, Feb. 29.

A mysterious diphtheria outbreak was reported among Michigan City children today.

Two more children were stricken with the disease yesterday, bringing the total in Michigan City and its surrounding area to 23. There were only 28 diphtheria cases in all Indiana last year.

Books Coming
To Colony
For Exhibition

London, Feb. 29.

An exhibition of about 350 British books on the subject of design has been sent to Hongkong by the British Council for showing in April.

A large part of the exhibition covers typography, printing, book production, binding, and publishing and book-selling.

A replica of the National Book League's British Book Design Exhibition for 1955 and section on children's books are included in the exhibition and other sections concern architecture and industrial design.—Reuter.

6 Die In Ambush

Algiers, Feb. 29.

Six French soldiers were killed when they were ambushed by Algerian rebels near Chir, in the wild Aurès mountains today. Seven soldiers were wounded. The rebel casualties were not yet known.—France-Press.

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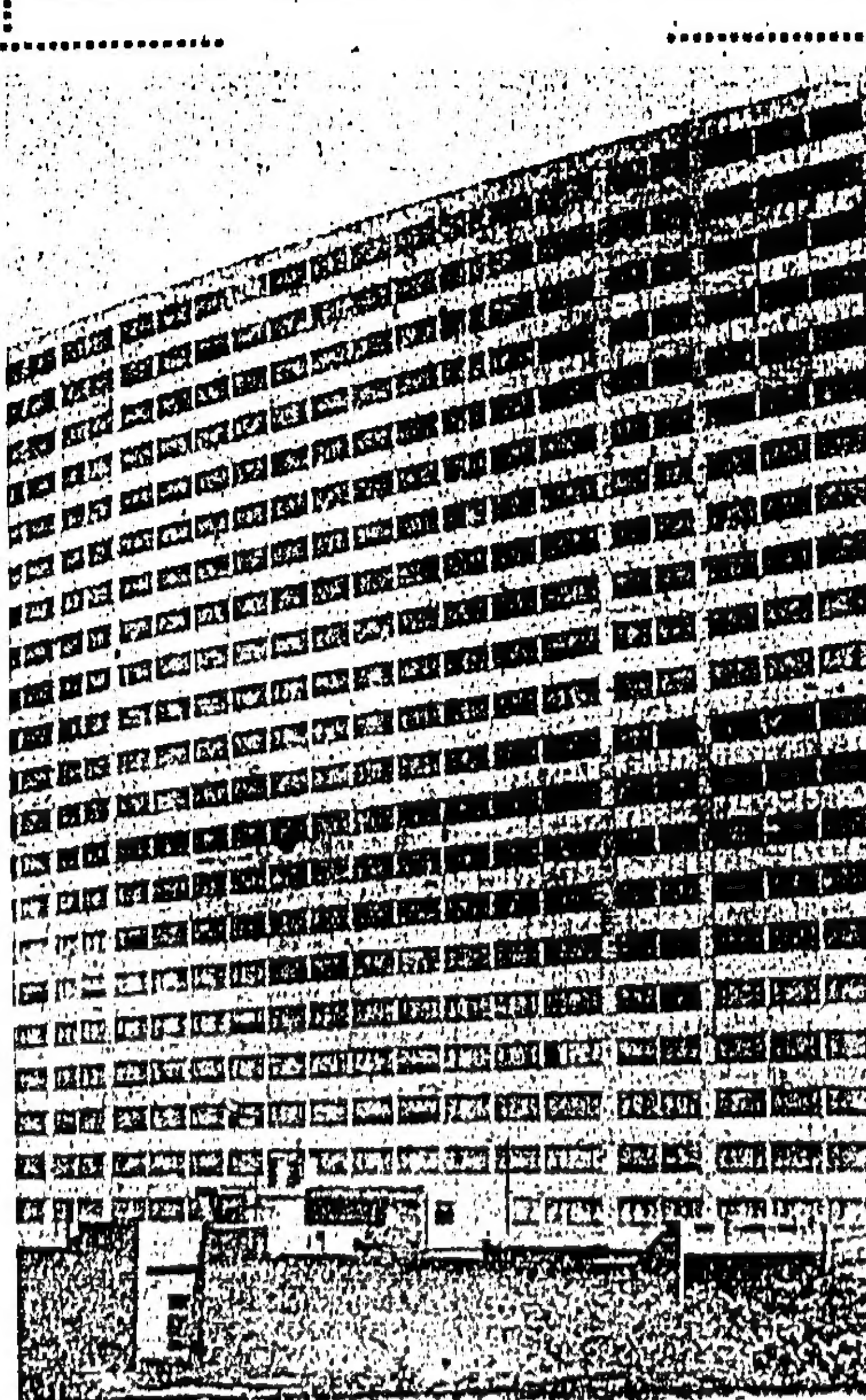
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SUPERSCOPE

Eisenhower's Uranium Offer

HUGE WORKER'S HOME



Largest building of its kind in Buenos Aires is this newly-completed concrete block apartment house. Called "The Worker's Home" it was built by the Co-operative Society of the Socialist Party. It has 230 apartments, 22 stories, is 70 metres high.—Express Photo.

Canada & Russia Sign Trade Pact

Ottawa, Feb. 29.

A three-year trade treaty has been signed by Canada and Russia, Trade Minister C. D. Howe announced in Parliament today.

Under the treaty Russia will buy between 1,200,000 and 1,500,000 tons of Canadian wheat in annual lots of 400,000 to 500,000 tons. The total over the three years must not amount to less than 1,200,000 tons and in any individual year not less than 400,000 tons.

At 60 pounds to the bushel, the maximum for the three years would work out to 50,000,000 bushels.

"The Russian purchases of wheat are to be made at the prices and on the terms at which the Canadian Wheat Board is making sales to its major customers. It such times as the Soviet purchases take place," Howe said.

"The exact amounts to be purchased in the second and third years... will be determined by the government of the USSR, taking into account the volume of Soviet goods sold to Canada," he added.

All Grades

Russian wheat buying, Mr. Howe said, would be spread over all grades grown in Canada. The price paid by Russia, he said, would be comparable to that paid by Britain, Germany, Japan and other principal customers.

The treaty was signed by Mr. Howe and External Affairs Minister Lester B. Pearson for Canada and by First Deputy

Trade Minister Sergei Borisov, head of the seven-man Russian delegation. It is in force now provisionally and is subject to ratification within 90 days.

Establish Values

The treaty provides for the exchange of most-favoured-nation treatment on tariffs along lines similar to existing Canadian pacts with other countries.

Canada also reserves the right "to establish values for ordinary and special import duty on any Russian product that might enter Canada in such increased quantities as to cause serious injury to domestic producers."

In determining such values, the price of similar goods imported to Canada from third countries are to be taken into account, Mr. Howe told the House.—United Press.

Thrift Club 'Hero'

Capetown, Feb. 29.

Mr. I. B. Guy, "hero" of a local thrift club, received a cocktail cabinet and a clock from grateful members when he retired from the post of treasurer.

A burglar robbed Mr. Guy of £850 of club funds, but he paid out the members just the same—from his own pocket.—China Mail Special.



TO-MORROW
"THE VIEW FROM POMPEY'S HEAD"
A Fox CinemaScope Picture

NEW MARSHALL AID IN ATOMIC TERMS SAYS MACMILLAN

Paris, Feb. 29.

Mr Harold Macmillan, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, said here today that America's offer of nearly 40 tons of uranium was a new "Marshall Aid in atomic terms."

It would be a "serious loss" if Europe were not organised to use the part of his American aid which it expected to receive, he said.

He was speaking to a press conference at the end of the two-day ministers' council meeting of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC).

The seventeen member countries of the OEEC unanimously approved a resolution that they should co-operate in the development of their atomic energy potential for peaceful uses.

They decided to set up a special committee which would prepare a report within three months on the practical form of this co-operation.

The ministers also approved a report of an OEEC working group which suggested some forms of co-operation, such as an isotopic separation plant for producing enriched uranium, co-ordination of research and industrial application of atomic energy, and free trade in atomic plant equipment and nuclear products.

The special committee will also set up an OEEC steering committee for nuclear energy which would later be mainly responsible for co-operation among member countries.

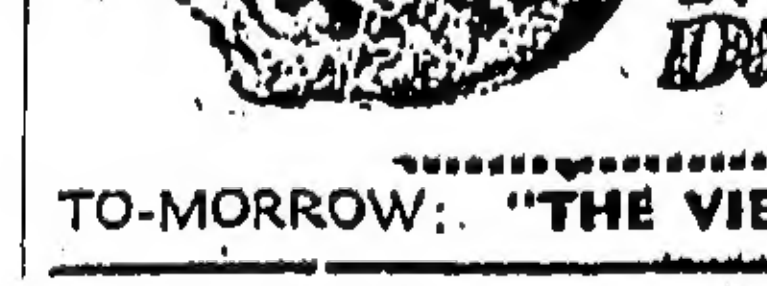
A possible controversy on how European common atomic energy resources could be developed was prevented today when the six "Little Europe" countries agreed to the OEEC plan.

At the same time the six countries—France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—reaffirmed their faith in their own "Euratom" project for close atomic integration.

The ministers' resolution noted that there was no incompatibility between the two plans. It said it would be necessary to ensure liaison between the six-nation committee working out the Euratom plan in Brussels and the OEEC special committee.

The ministers also adopted a resolution stressing the need for member countries to achieve and consolidate the OEEC target of 90 per cent liberalisation of imports by this September.

This implied that the organisation must concentrate on other barriers to trade, such as high tariffs, restrictive state trading and artificial export aids.—Reuters.



TO-MORROW: "THE VIEW FROM POMPEY'S HEAD"

LEE
MATINEE PERFORMANCE AT 1.30 P.M.
"AN IDEAL SON-IN-LAW" (跨鳳乘龍)

EVENING PERFORMANCE AT 7.45 P.M.
"THE GOLDEN BIRD" (金雀奇緣)



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NOT THE CAN-CAN, I HOPE!

ALL RIGHT - BUT YOU BOTH SEEM TOO YOUNG TO SPEAK FRENCH.

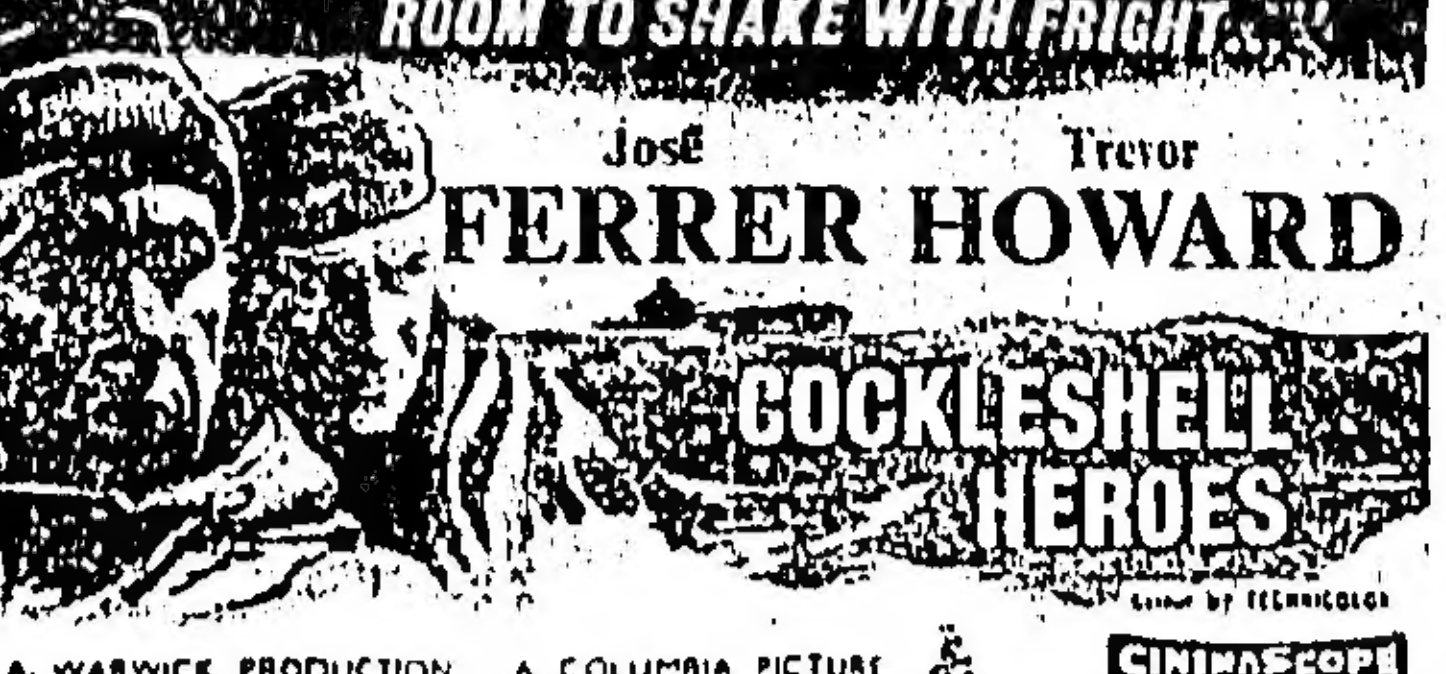
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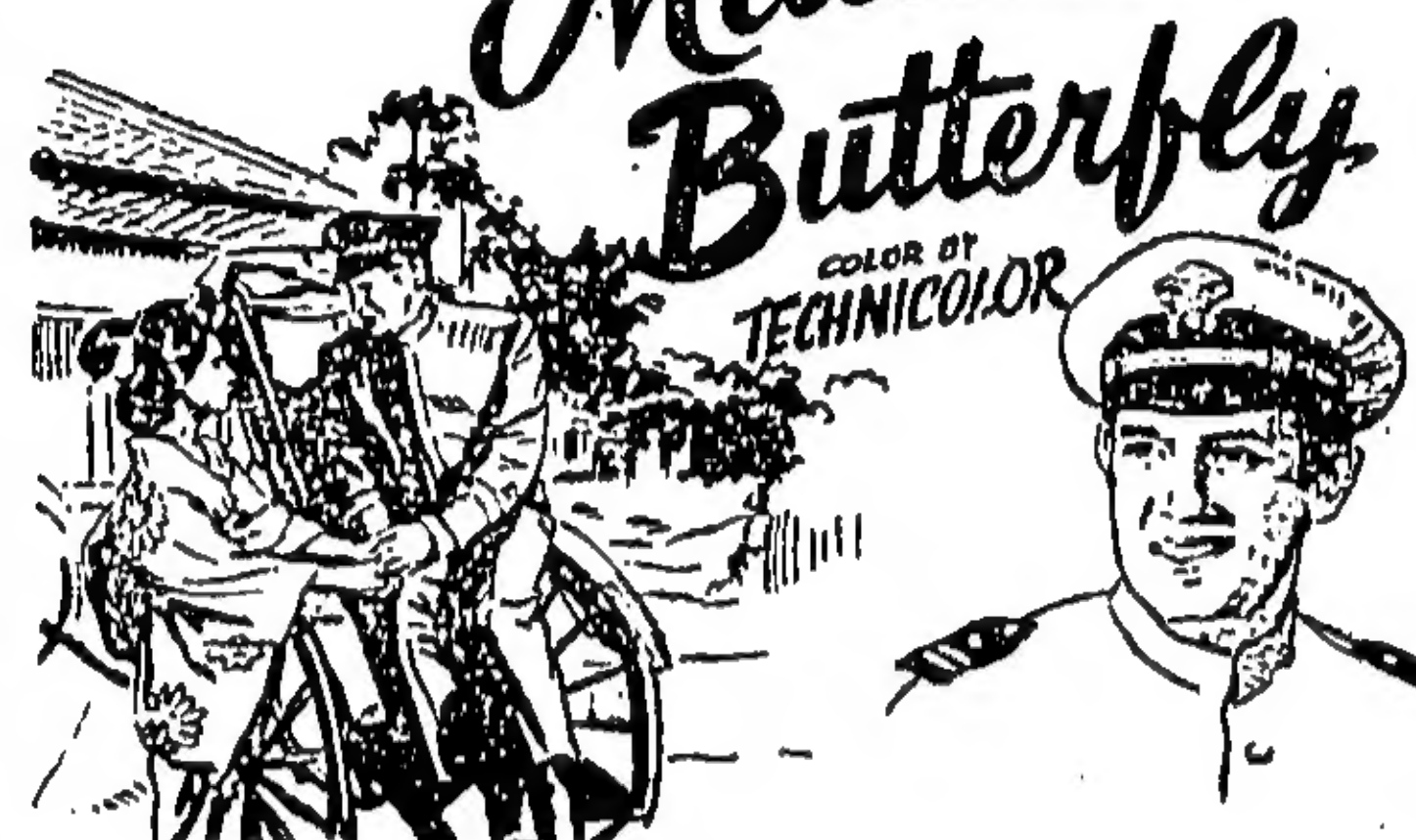
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FRENCH SETTLERS UNIMPRESSED



Guy Mollet

BY MOLLET'S APPEAL

Algiers, Feb. 29.

French Premier Guy Mollet's appeal for peace in Algeria today fell on disbelieving ears of both Frenchmen and Moslems in the tortured territory.

M. Mollet's major speech, re-broadcast at 8 o'clock last night on Radio Algeria, promised early elections and economic reforms if nationalist terror stops and "mobilisation of all French resources" if the bloodshed continues.

M. Amedee Frager, Mayor of Boufarik, 20 miles northwest of Algiers, and president of the outspokenly conservative Algerian Mayors Federation, said, "Force is the only language the terrorists understand."

In Cairo, Mohammed ben Bella, self-exiled chief of the "Army of Allah," said that if France sent heavy reinforcements to Algeria he might have to ask arms from the Communists.

Not Communists

"We are not Communists," Ben Bella said, "but the French have created a situation in North Africa that the Communists could try to exploit in the hope of making our movement like that of H. Chi in Indo-China."

More moderate voices also showed dissatisfaction with M. Mollet's speech. One European who asked that his name not be used said, "Monsieur Mollet's declaration remains impracticable. We have heard enough talk."

A Muslim member of the Algerian Assembly echoed, "Verbal promises are no longer enough."—United Press.

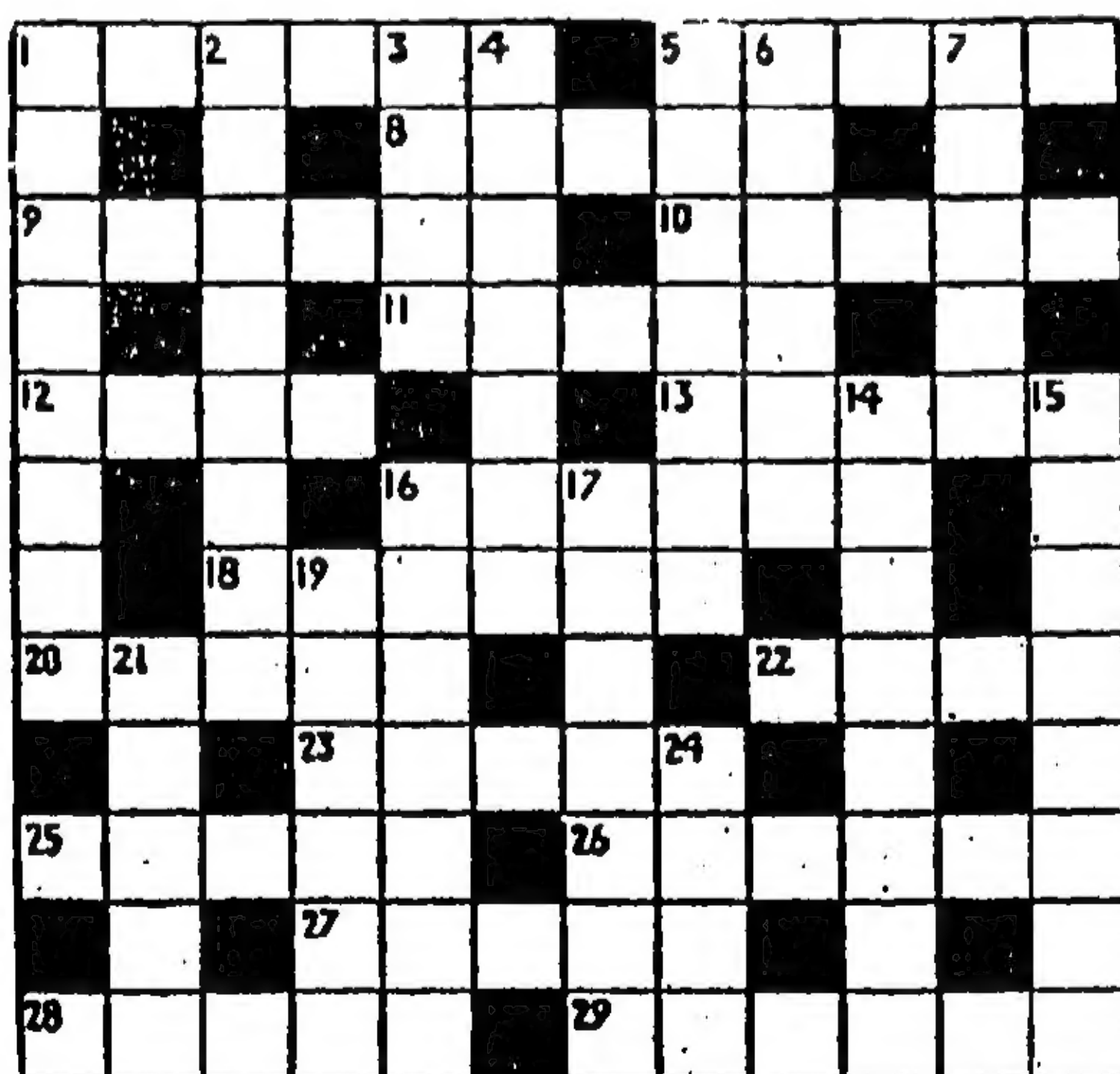
'Borrowed' Car Not Stolen

Durban, Feb. 28.

Insurance statisticians report that cars and commercial vehicles are being stolen at the rate of 4,000 a year in South Africa. Most of them are recovered subsequently by the police.

An Automobile Association spokesman said his organisation was investigating the problem of people who "borrow" cars without the owner's permission. The Appeal Court in Bloemfontein recently ruled that a "borrower" is not a thief if he intends to return the car he has taken.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Come into view (6)
2 Hecate (5)
3 Hectic state (6)
4 Piece of tripe (6)
5 Carp (5)
6 Send (4)
7 Quote (4)
8 Strike an attitude (5)
9 Declare (6)
10 Property (6)
11 Valleys (5)
12 Agitate (4)
13 Parades (5)
14 Delighted (6)
15 Make-reparation (5)
16 Pares (5)
17 Twirls (6)

DOWN
1 Feigned (6)
2 Magnificent (8)
3 At a distance (4)
4 Liberate (7)
5 Cookery instructions (7)
6 Speaker (6)
7 John (5)
8 Laws (5)
9 Lower (8)
10 Agrees (7)
11 Scholar (7)
12 Story in parts (6)
13 Lessen (5)
14 Killed (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 2 Trip, 7 Dalm, 8 Exit, 9 Slur, 10 Conco, 12 Tro, 15 Spars, 18 Slam, 19 Pence, 21 Creel, 22 Ramp, 23 Stars, 26 Rend, 29 Average, 30 Role, 31 Save, 32 Plain, 33 Wine, Down: 1 Major, 2 Brasse, 4 Ruler, 6 Pert, 8 Tito, 9 Slam, 11 Opals, 13 Heap, 14 Tied, 16 Spare, 17 Scar, 18 Seen, 20 Emerald, 22 Rave, 24 Talon, 25 Again, 27 Exam, 28 Drew.

World's Largest Flower



Visitors to the Leliden, Holland, botanical gardens admire the "Amorphophallus Titanum" (pronounced "Amorphophallus Titanum") said to be the world's largest flower. It's probably the world's worst-smelling, too, judging by the reaction of the visitors, who appear to be suffering from olfactory nausea. If you will pardon the Latin.—Express Photo.

Russia Objects To Atomic Tests In Trust Territories

New York, Feb. 29.

The Soviet Union today raised in the United Nations Trusteeship Council the question of further nuclear tests in the United States trust territory of the Pacific Islands.

Mr Vasily Grubyakov, the Soviet delegate, said his delegation "deemed it intolerable" that such tests should be carried out in any trust territory and tabled a resolution to this effect.

The council was discussing the attainment of self-government by the peoples of trust territories. The Soviet delegate said that the carrying out of nuclear tests in a trust territory constituted a threat to the life of the people and would not only harm the population but might have long after-effects which would slow down the advancement of these peoples and their eventual attainment of self-government or independence.

Contrary To Principles

Mr Grubyakov said that the use of any trust territory as a testing ground for nuclear devices was contrary to the purposes and principles of the international trusteeship agreement and the provisions of the Charter.

He moved a resolution which noted with concern the fact that carrying out nuclear tests in trust territories constitutes a threat to the lives of the indigenous inhabitants; that the carrying out of such tests was incompatible with the provisions of the trusteeship system and was also incompatible with the provisions laid down in the Charter; and recognised as "intolerable" the carrying out of such tests in trust territories.

Mr Benjamin Cerig, of the United States, said that the subject of nuclear tests had no relations to the item under discussion.

Remoteness

Mr T. W. Cutts, of Australia, said that his delegation was "preparing to discuss the resolution because of its remoteness from the subject under discussion."

Mr Mason Sears, the United States president of the Council, suggested that further discussion on the item be deferred until members had had time to study the resolution. The debate will continue tomorrow.—Reuter.

CANADIANS FOR AUSTRALIAN TESTS

Ottawa, Feb. 29. Canadian scientists and servicemen had had time to study the resolution. The debate will continue tomorrow.—Reuter.

ONE BULLET TWO STAGS

Hobart, Feb. 29. A huntman on his first deer-shooting trip near Ross, Tasmania, shot two stags with one bullet—and no one was more surprised than he.

The huntman, Mr William Pultord, fired after stalking a fine 12-pointer stag. When he reached his kill he found another stag lying dead immediately behind it.

Both had been grazing together and both were shot through the heart.—China Mail Special.

USAF FEAR FOR SAFETY OF PLANES

Washington, Feb. 29.

US Air Force officers fear that a shortage of men and money to maintain aircraft is cutting into flying safety.

A rash of recent air crashes, involving many types of planes, old and new, has heightened their concern. The causes of these accidents are not yet definitely known, but airmen are worried that maintenance problems may be a factor.

The safety issue has become so sensitive that the Air Force, at least temporarily, has put a secrecy label on accident statistics, making any immediate comparison between present and past periods impossible.

Secrecy was carried to the point yesterday where a spokesman had to say he could not provide a list of accidents and fatalities that occurred so far this year. The argument was made that figures on the total number of accidents would aid the Russians.

Seem Enough

Nevertheless, published reports would seem enough to show that the air arm is grappling with a safety problem. And General Nathan Twining, Chief of Staff, has indicated as much to a Senate Committee.

Since January 4, there have been at least seven major accidents, which killed 28 airmen. Another accident was averted last week when a C-124 Globemaster II was forced to land with two of its four engines dead.

The accidents involved seven different types of plane, and the fault cannot lie with defects in any particular model. Types ranged from the C-47 transport, designed in 1935, to the ultra-modern B-52 bomber and F-101 Voodoo supersonic fighter.—United Press.

Hammaraskjold Sees Dulles

Washington, Feb. 29.

United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold met today with the United States Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to discuss problems of the Middle East and Asia during an 80-minute meeting today, the State Department announced.

Present during the talks were Francis Wilcox and William Rountree, respectively US assistant Secretaries of State for United Nations and Middle Eastern Affairs.

Mr Hammarskjold returned recently from a six-week visit to the Middle East and Asia. He was scheduled to return to New York from Washington today.—France-Press.

Missionaries Released

Berlin, Feb. 29.

East German authorities have released six women members of a Protestant organization of missions on railroad stations, a well-informed source said in West Berlin tonight.

Seven other members of the mission staffs, arrested with the women missionaries early last month on charge of spying, were still in detention, the source said.—France-Press.

Permission For Peron

Panama City, Feb. 29.

The government of Panama has granted former Argentine President, Juan Peron, a special residence permit as a political refugee. It was disclosed here today.

Peron was asked over the weekend to leave the United States government-owned hotel in the Panama Canal zone where he was residing.—France-Press.

CALL FOR DIRECT RUSSO-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS

Bonn, Feb. 29.

The leader of the moderate Rightist Free Democrat Party, which once was the chief ally of Chancellor Adenauer, today called for direct German-Soviet negotiations on German unity.

The Free Democrat Party, led by Herr Thomas Dehler, split last week with Dr Adenauer and was expelled from the government after 16 of its Deputies, including all the four Ministers, quit the Party to show their support of the Chancellor.

Herr Dehler, appearing before a news conference for the first time since the government crisis, today called for direct negotiations with Moscow on German reunification in agreement with the Western Allies.

Dr Adenauer always has refused direct negotiations and insisted that the German unity issue is a matter for an East-West agreement between the four powers.

Not Possible

"German unity will not be achieved without agreement of the Soviet Union," said Herr Dehler. "It can only be reached through agreement by the four victorious powers. For this reason, negotiations without approval of the West are not possible. Our greatest advantage is that the great victorious power, the United States, has offered us its hand in alliance. We shall not reject that hand."

He added, however, that the Bonn government should negotiate on its own with the Soviets after obtaining Western Allied approval to do so.

Differences

Herr Dehler said there would be no change in his party's basic policies now it had gone into opposition. He charged, however, that there never had been any serious discussion to try to iron out the differences between his party and Dr Adenauer's Christian Democrats in the coalition.

Asked about the possibility of the Free Democrats re-joining the government, Herr Dehler replied: "We are not the ones to decide that."—United Press.

'Quins' Hoax On Greek Ministry

Athens, Feb. 29.

A special medical team, despatched in haste to a snow-bound village in Central Macedonia to care for newly-born quintuplets, found the most the village could offer was twigs.

The village clerk admitted he had reported the birth of quintuplets as a practical joke. His report was a sensational success in Athens and other towns. The Minister of Welfare, Mr Petros Levidis, personally ordered the medical team to the village.—China Mail Special.

The biologists have long been in limited use against blood vessel ailments. Scientists, who have been working on this new use of the biologists believe these drugs employ a different disease-fighting principle from anything used before.

Luxury Hotel For Cats

Port Elizabeth, Feb. 29.

A luxury hotel for cats, opened in Port Elizabeth, provides the best accommodation for them anywhere in South Africa, according to Mr Stanley Toll, vice-chairman of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which runs it.

The sleeping quarters are a two-story building with small cubicles each for three cats, and room for 75 altogether. The corners of each cubicle are rounded for cleanliness and each has a small door. "Upper-story" cats climb a ladder to get to bed.—China Mail Special.

NEW FISH FOR NZ SPORTSMEN

Wellington, Feb. 29.

Anglers report they have succeeded in establishing the attractive American sport fish, Brook Char in New Zealand streams, after trying for 78 years.

One of the difficulties they have faced is that Brook Char cannot survive in waters stocked with trout.—China Mail Special.

FRANCO, TUNISIAN TALKS OPEN

Paris, Feb. 29.

The Franco-Tunisian talks which opened here today, will be resumed tomorrow, when the delegations will draw up an agenda for the negotiations, an official communiqué stated here tonight.

At the inaugural ceremony in the famous Clock Room of the French Foreign Office, dozens of movie cameras were trained on Tunisian Premier Tahar ben Ammar as, wearing a red fez with a black tassel, he entered the room at the head of his delegation.

He took his place opposite French Premier Guy Mollet who, with Foreign Minister Christian Pineau, led the French delegation.

Welcome

M. Mollet began the session with a speech of welcome in which he said the Franco-Tunisian agreement of last year had been faithfully carried out and had resulted in "a satisfactory solution" to the "delicate problem" of internal order in Tunisia.

The Tunisian Premier replied with a request that France should abrogate the Franco-Tunisian Treaty of May 12, 1881, as a logical sequel to the granting of independence to Tunisia.—France-Press.

Drug To Fight The Common Cold

Philadelphia, Feb. 29.

A derivative of the peel of lemons, oranges and some other fruits, known as bioflavonoids and said by scientists to block viruses and other germs in the capillary (minute blood vessel) system, is being marketed as a drug to fight the common cold.

The bioflavonoids have long been in limited use against blood vessel ailments.

Scientists, who have been working on this new use of the bioflavonoids believe these drugs employ a different disease-fighting principle from anything used before.

The drugs have been described as "the most broad, exciting and hopeful field of biological inquiry." The bioflavonoids were discovered more than two decades ago by the Nobel Prize winner, Dr Albert Szent-Gyorgi.—China Mail Special.

Owl Keeps Watch On Shoppers

Greytown, Natal, Feb. 29.

Customers walking into a Greytown shop are confronted with the unthinking stare of an owl with a three-foot wingspan, sitting on a perch near the counter.

It is the pet of an employee in the shop and her 14-year-old son, who found it struggling on the ground as a newly-hatched bird six months ago.

The boy reared it and, when grown, the owl chose domesticity to freedom and declined to fly away.—China Mail Special.

SCHOOLCHILDREN BY DAY, GANGSTERS BY NIGHT

By ANTONY TERRY

IN many terrified West German homes these days is the shadow of the gangster. The shadow is cast by thousands of school-going delinquents of both sexes, whose age range between eight and 20, and whose nightly escapades are freezing well-meaning welfare officials with horror and raising the awkward question: "Were things not possibly better when compulsory service in Nazi youth organisations kept young Germans out of crime?"

This is why anxious officials in West Germany's Ministry of Justice are working to face up to the mounting figures of juvenile crime as revealed by police statistics.

It may also account for many courts covering up the real increase in juvenile crime by handing down acquittals or suspended sentences, on former "Tudor" tough guys, who form gangs to bash up old people, murder their schoolmates, and baffle houses, shops and offices.

Leather Coats

The "leather jacket" boys. Then black leather coats, once the symbol of the gangster, are now the uniform of West Germany's own brand of "leather boys."

On the police records are daily fresh reports of the growing crime wave in West Germany. Last week an "all ears" warning went out for 16-year-old Harald Merckel, of the famous Hitler youth law at Giechhausen. Police reports describe Harald as a "bad kid."

But Harald has already wrecked two police cars and seriously injured their occupants by running them at over 70 mph in stolen cars and got away with it. With a crime sheet going back to the age of 15, Harald's last sentence was for stealing no fewer than 37 motor-cars as the leader of a gang of 14-year-old crooks.

Well-meaning probation officials let Harald off most of his two years' reform school.

sentence—and within a few weeks he was back again at his old hobby of car stealing. Not even police bullets whistling round his head have been able to deter Harald. So now West German police have new orders if they encounter Harald on the run—shoot at sight, to kill if need be.

When 18-year-old Christian, raging drunk, tried to murder his own father by running him over in his own car he ended by chasing the old man until he finally collapsed and was left seriously injured in the road-way. Then the boy returned calmly a few minutes later and drove over the old man again "to see if he was finished." Fortunately he lived, but public opinion was shocked when the only punishment Christian got in a juvenile court was five months' jail.

Public Unease

Public unease is felt in the question "Why should the 'leather coat gangsters' get milder sentences than grown-ups for similar brutal crimes?"

Not only boys are running leaders in this new juvenile crime wave. A few feet from the altar of a church in the centre of the West German city of Bonn, last week, two attractive, smartly dressed, 16-year-old girls, wearing expensive yet simple of the "leather jacket" boys' outfit, beat up an old woman as she was praying and robbed her of her money—a total of 23 shillings.

The biggest shock to German parents, however, was the discovery that a gang of burglars between the ages of 9 and 14 had been finally arrested by police after successfully carrying out 81 burglaries in the previous year in the city of Essen. Their "boss" was a boy named Hody, aged 14. Together the 13 of them terrorised a whole section of the city for six months. What they could not steal they destroyed. In one store they caused over £10,000 worth of damage by smashing open wine and beer racks and allowing the contents to pour out all over the shop, organising a "battle" with 500 fresh eggs, and vainly smashing open dozens of sacks of flour.

The boys' parents, respected citizens—many of them Ruhr

miners earning anything up to £15 a week—were horrified to discover how their offspring were spending their time after school. The last burglary was only discovered by the police because the youngest member of the gang, a nine-year-old, got stuck in a shaft while trying to gain entry into a bicycle shop so that he could let the rest in.

Psychologists and criminologists are equally puzzled at the present rise in juvenile crime in West Germany, a country which managed to keep its crime figures within admirably modest limits even during the anarchy and starvation of the early postwar years.

Today, they point out, with shops brimming over, jobs for all and no fear for the future, juvenile crime has increased by 50 percent in Bavaria alone, and is rising steeply everywhere in West Germany.

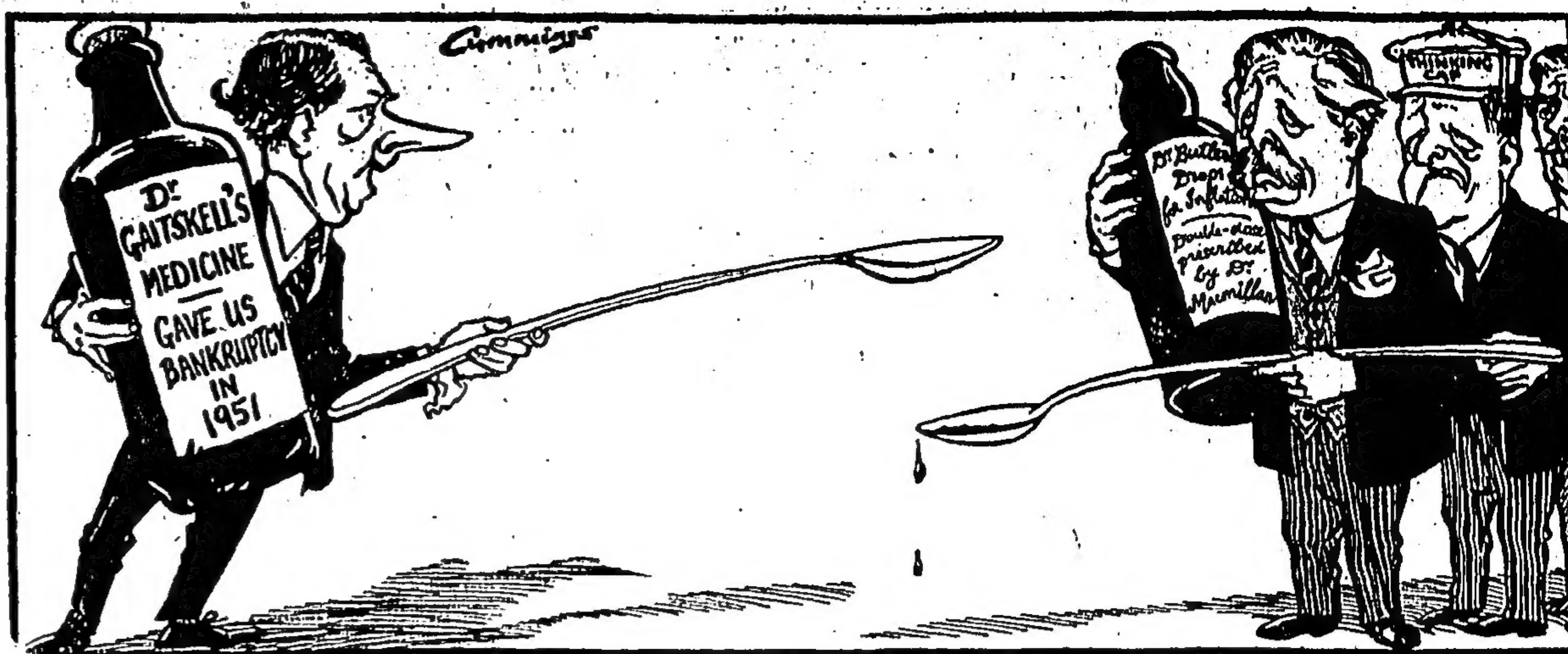
Communist propaganda is quick to seize on the fact that many of the "leather jacket gangsters" blame their crimes on copying the examples of "American gangster films and horror comics." One 16-year-old boy in Munich said he tied up a five-year-old friend and hanged him from a window ledge "just to see how he would die like they do in the movies."

Little To Do

In another case which has shocked the public a 17-year-old Munich girl pushed her seven-year-old sister into a river and held her head under water until she was drowned.

Absence of adequate welfare facilities and youth clubs to care for the new German gangsters' children who stand around at street corners, their pockets stuffed with money and little to do but get up to mischief, is blamed for some of the growth of the "leather jacket gangs."

In a country where for a generation the stamping of jackboots marching feet and paramilitary training for youngsters took the place of normal youth activities, the new problem of peace is simply this: how to fill the gap left by the Hitler Youth of the past and the East German Communist youth brigades of the present?



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THE COLOURED MAN HOLDS THE BALANCE OF POWER

On Tour in the Deep South, Tuesday.

THEY were holding a mental health convention in the Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama, when I left. A pretty white Southerner, blonde and pert, asked me for a contribution and inquired if I would be a voluntary worker.

I gave her a dollar, excused myself as a volunteer, and said: "It's a bit ironic that this convention should be held here when just a few miles away at Tuscaloosa we have had an example of mental illness."

She did not get my point.

Biggest Problem in country

THE white Southerners resent Yankee newspapermen here, and although Englishmen are personally popular, there is strong criticism of "foreigners" interfering with the affairs of the proud South.

The past few days here, driving and flying around, talking to both white and coloured, have convinced me that by far the biggest issue and problem in the United States, dwarfing all others, is the question of race relations; the case of Black versus White.

The fight for and against mixing white and coloured children, youths, girls, and adults at schools and universities will probably be the biggest issue in the Presidential election, despite the pious statements of the candidates.

Here in Alabama Adlai Stevenson, until the other day regarded as a Liberal, a pro-

gressive and enlightened champion of the underdog, is now considered as hostile to the coloured cause because he said integration should be gradual.

If the Democrats split over the segregation issue it could mean disaster for them. Adlai Stevenson's party can win the elections with the 16 Southern and border States, plus New York, California, and Illinois, or with Ohio instead of Illinois.

The thing's fact is that if the Negro urban vote holds together in the four Northern States, it can decide a close election, and the Northern Negroes are angry with Stevenson.

The balance of power is in the coloured man's hands—and the politicians are beginning to realise it.

I've been here in Alabama almost a week and my forecast is that the colour question will hang over the entire campaign. It has already begun to do so. It is a question that is highly inflammable. I would not be at all surprised if there are more riots, more violence, more lynching tonight, tomorrow, this week, next week, in Alabama or in the other States of the Deep South, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, and parts of Florida.

'Voice of the South'

I ATTENDED a meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, the biggest rally of white Southerners held in an auditorium for years. The speaker was Senator James Eastland, of Mississippi.

He is known in these parts as "The Voice of the South."

It is said that a man of Eastland's views should be also chairman of the Internal Security Committee of the entire United States.

Eastland, the Dixie demagogue, is a rabble-rouser, and

the rabble were there to be roused.

Bards played, people (these were no Negroes present, of course) sang "Dixie" while Eastland shouted: "We must prevent mongrelisation of the white race. We are not going to let the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People use our children as pawns in a game of power politics to get the racial vote in the Northern cities."

No one spoke to her

THE crowd yelled: "Yippee"—but somehow the speech fell flat, and towards the end of the senator's hour-long oration the crowd began to thin.

At the airport in Birmingham where I landed, there are separate drinking fountains—one for white and one for coloured—separate washrooms, separate benches, and the coloured are not allowed to eat or drink in the cafeteria, which is exclusively for whites.

The planes themselves are not officially segregated, unlike trains and buses. Opposite me during one flight I made was Mrs. Constance Baker Motley, a lawyer from the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, headquarters in New York.

No one spoke to her except the stewardess and myself.

On another flight I made we had a very bad time in fog and with almost total lack of visibility. There were two coloured men among the 60 passengers aboard the Constellation. We were unable to land at one airport after another and circled around for almost an hour like a blind bat.

A child cried, women began to sob, and I could feel the sweat dripping down my arm pits, and my palms were moist.

No segregation during that ordeal and, in fact, one coloured man did more to help the people who were sick than anyone except the stewardess.

Segregation began only when the plane finally landed and we went our separate ways.

Montgomery is the most tense town I have visited, more of a powder-keg I would say than Tuscaloosa, the university city.

For 85 days Montgomery's buses have been boycotted by the city's 42,000 Negroes. The coloured will not travel in the buses and take the "Jim Crow" seats in the rear.

The bus line, which is run by whites, is going broke for lack of business.

They're puzzled and angry

THE whites are puzzled and angry. One man told me: "We've built \$10,000,000-worth of Negro housing in the past five years. There is a new \$2,000,000 Bill pending to finance new Negro parks and playgrounds."

"We even admitted a nigger to the city baseball team, and this is what we get for our pains—a kick in the teeth."

Threats against the coloured are common. Arthur Shores, the lawyer for the barred university student, Miss Lucy, told me he always carries a gun even when he goes into court.

Miss Lucy herself has had many threats, but does not seem particularly worried.

What troubles me about this dangerous and desperate situation is that each side, the whites and the coloureds, is getting more bitter, more violent.

In the Deep South it is a battle between extremists; and this is the tragedy of the South.

SOUTH AFRICANS LIVE ON TICK

By JOHN IVEY

BEHIND the recent decision by the South African Government to limit hire-purchase buying is the story of a country ensnared in the "never-never" system and whose people are the permanent slaves of next month's pay packet.

In South Africa today, almost everything is bought on credit—either under a long-term hire-purchase agreement or on a "pay-at-the-end-of-the-month" basis from small retailers or big department stores.

Cash payment is discouraged among regular customers by almost every form of retailer for two main reasons:—

1. Because customers tend to spend more if they know they can "pay later";
2. Because retail accounting systems are now geared to the credit plan.

TOOLS OF DEBT

The position now is that no retailer would last in business unless he was prepared to give credit on a profligate scale.

In hire-purchase the story is the same—that of a nation habitually in the tools of debt.

A report just published reveals that of durable goods (cars, radio sets, furniture, clothes, etc.) more than half are bought on the hire-purchase system.

The hire-purchase debt owed by South Africans now stands at £35,000,000, a total for a white population of only 2,750,000.

Two of the cities most in debt under the credit-granting system are the provincial capitals of Johannesburg (Transvaal) and Bloemfontein (Orange Free State).

In Johannesburg, the country's industrial metropolis, few people own the furniture they use, the cars they drive, the radios they listen to or even the clothes they wear.

A large percentage of those who are buying on hire-purchase are well in arrears with their payments.

Bloemfontein residents are even deeper in debt. In this city of 140,000 people, one in every five of the white population was sued for debt last year—and the figure rose higher as the year proceeded.

INFLATION THREAT

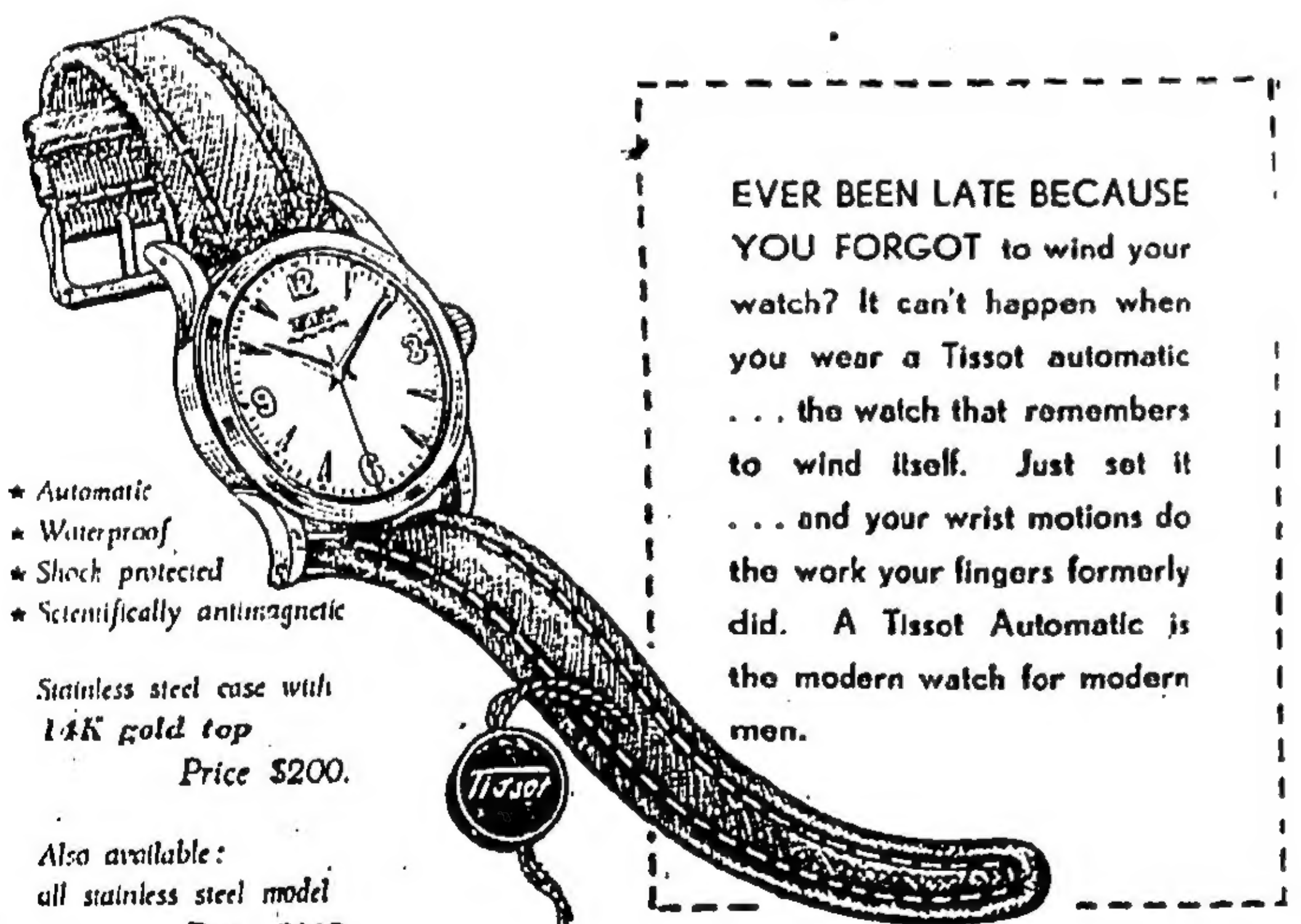
In almost every case the debt was incurred under a hire-purchase or "easy credit" transaction.

With the exception of America, no other country maintains such a high standard of living as South Africa. But with so much of this luxury living bought with borrowed money, the Finance Minister, Mr. Eric Louw, has warned the country of the threat of inflation set by a people living beyond its pay packet.

As a possible curb to exceptional credit buying, a move was started recently by influential wholesale organisations to induce retailers to offer a discount to cash customers.

So far, however, the campaign has met with little response. South Africans prefer to "live on tick."

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SHE MARRIED THE HEIR TO A BRITISH PEERAGE... NOW THE BRIDE SHUNS DIAMONDS

By DOROTHY HARRISON

WHAT happens when a schoolgirl runs away and marries a peer's heir? A few nights ago I found the answer.

From parties to picnics to poultry farming in a £800 cottage; from a carefree elopement to the worries of bringing up three young children—that's what the last five years have meant to Pamela Hennicker and Jimmy Fitzroy, grandson and heir of Lord Southampton.

And they proudly say: "We're the happiest couple in the world."

Nights out, dancing? "Not for us any more," says Jimmy. "As a matter of fact, I haven't even got a dinner jacket these days."

"You can't run to it with three children to bring up."

Pamela was the envy of every schoolgirl in Britain one day five years ago when Jimmy, in spite of family opposition, slipped a £1,000 engagement ring on her finger.

HAPPY YEARS

Now as a poultry farmer's wife, Pamela has locked the ring away and exchanged nylon for thick woolly stockings.

Their red-bricked cottage is at the end of a mud-caked Suffolk cart track.

Quite a few older people in Britain shook their heads five years ago and said: "Such a marriage can't last. The child's too young."

"But do, you know—we haven't had a quarrel in all our five years," said Pamela.

Then, suddenly serious, she added: "But though it's turned out fine for us, I wouldn't advise other young people to elope unless they're sure they are mature enough to face all the difficulties ahead."

"In our house," said Jimmy, "there isn't a boss—we are both equal, and that's the way it's going to be. Always."

There's nothing he likes better than painting and decorating. Jimmy, who will one day take his seat in the House of Lords, is happy doing that and breeding chickens.

"So long as I can make my poultry pay, I never want to be a professional man," he said. Only one thing annoys Pamela—wrong reports about their financial position.

"I get angry," she said, "when I read of Jimmy getting an allowance from his grandfather. That is not true. He gets a regular private income from the family estate, which is a different matter."

MEMORIES CLING

Memories of the old days still cling. Not only for Pam and Jimmy, but for others, too.

"Wherever we go there are nudges and stares as people recognise us."

"But would we do the same thing again? Of course. It's been so very much worth while."

She cuddled four-year-old Geraldine, an elfin replica of herself.

"And if Geraldine wants to elope at 16 and get married, we wouldn't dream of stopping her!"

BECAUSE OF THE BIG FREEZE-UP

RACEGOERS HOPE THAT SNOW AND FROST WILL DISAPPEAR IN TIME FOR NATIONAL HUNT

London, Mar. 1.

Starved of racing recently because of the big freeze-up, followers of the sport in Britain are looking forward eagerly to the National Hunt Festival meeting at Cheltenham, the "Ascot" of jumping, on March 6, 7 and 8.

Day after day meetings all over the country have been abandoned because of snow and frostbound courses—the number of meetings lost is now over forty. But racegoers, perhaps the most hopeful of all fraternities, are optimistic that the snow, ice and frost will disappear in time for the elite meeting to be held at the attractive Prestbury Park course in the heart of the Cotswold Hills.

The Festival always draws the best jumpers in Britain and Ireland, with an odd rider from France. This year's total acceptance of 554 for the 10 days is a slight drop on the 617 of last season, but all the

stars of "Chasing and Hurdling" are included.

The enforced hold-up of racing and the frostbound state of gallops have played havoc with the plans of many trainers for Cheltenham and for the Lincolnshire handicap, first leg of the "Spring Double."

Trainers strategically placed have been taking their horses to the seaside and exercising them on the sands. Mid-winter is an unorthodox time for a bold bid to carry off Cheltenham, but horses who have been on these trips will undoubtedly be sharper in condition than their inland brothers.

Irish trainers have had less interruption in their preparations than those in Britain, and the Cheltenham prizes, always a big lure to Irish trainers and owners, may well fall to them in even greater measure this year.

BIGGEST PRIZES

Among Irish trainers, Vincent O'Brien is the name that spells success, and his Cashel County Tipperary, Stable will make a bold bid to carry off Cheltenham's two biggest prizes, the Gold Cup (March 8) and the Champion Hurdle (March 6). O'Brien has done the double twice already, in 1949 and 1950.

O'Brien's Gold Cup candidate is Sam Brownthorn, an imposing-looking nine-year-old "lepper" who has won his last three races in Ireland and is currently second favourite for the event. "Sam" was one of O'Brien's entries for the Grand National, and was being whispered in Ireland as the "dark horse" but it was then discovered that he was not qualified.

Trainer O'Brien also had Quare Times, last year's Grand National winner, in the Gold Cup, but he has taken him out and will rely on Sam Brownthorn, who will be ridden by "Tom" Taffie, brother of Quare Times' regular pilot, Pat.

"Sam's" assault on the Aintree fences has performed been postponed until next year, but he is just the type to credit O'Brien with his fifth Gold Cup.

Other notables among the fourteen left in the race are Lumber Hill, winner of the King George 6th Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, Four Ten, Gold Cup winner in 1954 and third to thirty-three to one outsider Gay Donald last year; Halloween, who has been placed three times in the race; Sir Ken, three-time winner of the Champion Hurdle and a recent recruit to "Chasing and Leeches," one of the most promising of the younger set of fences.

Lumber Hill, favourite in the ante-post markets, well deserves that position on his running this season. He has had only two races, has won both of them

and credited his owner, Mr John Davey, with 4,850 pounds sterling by these successes.

A NECK TO SPARE

He had only a neck to spare in the Kempton race, but he left behind him several Gold Cup rivals, including Four Ten and Lochree, and the winner ran him as close as Galloway Breeze is not engaged in the Gold Cup. Before that Lumber Hill toyed with a good class field in Manchester's emblem chase.

The biggest danger to Lumber Hill and Sam Brownthorn may be Lochree, who had won all his four races this season before falling in Lumber Hill's Boxing Day race. He had been almost as well backed as the winner for that event, and if he stands up at Cheltenham he should make them all go.

Trainer O'Brien holds a strong hand in the Champion Hurdle with Stroller, beaten only a head by Clair Soleil last year, and Boltown Comet, a most promising six-year-old hurdler who has won his last three months ago after being purchased by Mrs J. A. Keith. Stroller is present favourite for the hurdle and Boltown Comet is joint second in the market with Clair Soleil.

The stable hurdle jockey, T. P. Burns, has a difficult choice to make between this pair. It has not been announced yet which he is to ride, and the event's decision will probably have a big effect on the market. Stroller ran like a horse soured with racing in his first few outings this season, but he came back to form with a bang when taking Manchester's Rose of Lancaster hurdle, a thousand-pounder run at the end of January. Winning by six lengths he turned the tables on Inge, then reckoned the best hurdler in England, who had finished far in front of him when winning the victory poulture run at the end of December.

Boltown Comet started favourite for the "victory," but was six lengths behind Inge, in second place, at the post. There was an excuse for him, however, he had had a bad journey from Ireland and was probably not in full humour for racing so soon after it.

The Comet, who won four of his five races last season, ran an excellent Champion Hurdle trial at Leopardstown near Dublin, recording a convincing win of 100 lb weight all round, he finished second to Triumphant, to whom he was giving 36 pounds.

FULL-SCALE TRIAL

Ryan Price, trainer of Clair Soleil, is one of those whose plans have been completely overturned by the freeze-up. He has been unable to give the holder of the Champion title a race this season, but has managed to keep him in work by sending him to the seaside at Brackisham Bay, in Sussex. Whether this will stand to him as much as a full-scale trial on the race course is a matter of opinion.

Willie Stephenson, who saddled Sir Ken in his three winning years, 1952 to 1954 inclusive, is represented by Baby Don, who will be ridden by the Champion jockey, Tim Molony. Also among the eighteen probable starters is the Old-Slager Noholme, second to Sir Ken in 1952. The nine-year-old who has won on the flat, over fences and hurdles showed that he has not deteriorated when he beat Flame Royal, Stroller and Baby Don at Biddisburgh in November. The three against the field appear to be Stroller, Boltown Comet and Clair Soleil. Vincent O'Brien must be favoured to capture his fourth Champion Hurdle Challenge Cup, but which of his pair will prove the better is an almost insoluble problem. — China Mail Special.

BADMINTON

The Choongs To Play In Le Havre And Paris

Le Havre, Feb. 29. Malaysia's World Champion badminton players, Eddy and David Choong arrived here today from Switzerland. Eddy, who holds the World's Singles and Doubles title and David, sharing the doubles title, were accompanied by Robert Lim, Malaysia's Junior Champion, and Richard Lee.

They will be the guests of the people of this French port on March 2 during a tournament organised by the Le Havre Badminton Club.

They will go on to Paris the next day where they will play against members of the Racing Club of France.—France-Press.

HOME SOCCER

London, Feb. 29. Association football results: "B" International—Scotland 2, England 2 (played at Dundee). League II.—Liverpool 1, Leeds United 0. League III (Southern).—Tottenham 4, Watford 2. Swindon Town 1, Millwall 0. Blackpool 1, Gillingham 0. League IV.—Blackpool 1, Gillingham 0.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Athletics: Minor Union Championships at Boundary, St. Albans.
TOMORROW
Athletics: 27th Int. B.A.U. Championships at St. Albans.
Football: F.A. Cup, 1st Round, at Queens Elizabeth Youth Centre, 8 p.m. Inter-club matches at the Streatham Football Association.



JEAN DESFORGES

IT SEEMS TO ME . . .

Easy-Going Youngsters To Blame For Soccer Decline

Says BILLY WRIGHT

(Captain of Wolves And England)

Britain's football has gone to the dogs. Our standards get lower every season. We have no youngsters of ability good enough to rate with the great players of the past. At least, that is what the critics of our national game are for ever telling us.

And the Football Association, Football League—and some clubs, come to that—have been hammered for our "decline," while the real culprits are forgotten.

Who are they? THE YOUNG MEN OF BRITAIN.

Once we taught others to play it. Now the world is playing football and in many instances, playing it much better than Britons because they are in the same frame of mind as we were at the start: keen not only to play soccer BUT PLAY THE GAME REALLY WELL.

When I was a boy, every spare moment was spent kicking a ball about. Usually the ball was an old tennis ball, and our "pitch" was in the school playground. BUT WE WERE PLAYING FOOTBALL.

And after the playground was closed I have known my friends to go on playing in the street until darkness or sheer fatigue made us call it a day.

You will not get many youngsters doing this today. They have too many other attractions and the easy way to

find enjoyment has become the accepted thing.

ONLY THE START

In Soccer, one of the great snags is that youngsters, on signing professional forms often get the impression that they have reached the end of the road instead of appreciating that they are in reality only starting along the road.

To millions of British youngsters—and Iads abroad, come to that—Stanley Matthews is an idol. Someone to whom they turn to as an example of everything a great footballer should be. Unfortunately, too few of these youths realise that Stanley Matthews only reached the top by sheer hard work—and stays there only by terrific determination, and keeping to a rigorous training programme. A few boxers would be glad to undertake for ten months of the year.

Unfortunately, the high wages paid to many young men in industry while learning a trade, have, in my view, played a big part in making so many of them think that the good things of life are waiting to be picked up without working.

ORANGE FLIP

Abroad, in Europe and South America, I have noticed the tremendous enthusiasm school-boys and youths show for coaching. I will always remember a little boy I saw going through his football "lessons" in Rio de Janeiro.

School Badminton Championships

Following were the results of matches of the annual Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Badminton Championships played at Grant-Ham Training College last night:

Senior Boys' Singles: Ko Wai-suk (WYK) beat Lam Shiu-fung (YWC) 1-0, 11-10; George Ma (KCS) beat William Wan (KCS) 1-0, 11-10; Lee Chiu-choi (LSC) beat young Wan-chai (SP Co-ed) 15-7, 8-10, 15-2.

Junior Boys' Singles: Hui Pek-yok and Leo Shiu-fa (SP Co-ed) lost to William Chan and Lillian Wu (BIC) 15-10, 14-11. Junior Boys' Doubles: Fao Hui-loy (WYK) beat Lau See-lun (SP Co-ed) 15-10, 11-10; Chiu Chiu-choi lost to Martin G. Wong (WYK) 11-10, 9-11; Wong Kiu-hung (SP Co-ed) beat Cheung Kiu-hung (SP Co-ed) 11-3, 11-1; Ng Hon-choi (SP Co-ed) lost to Fui Chung (Chung Kwong) 5-11, 5-11.

Intermediate Boys' Singles: Mak Shiu-ku (KC) lost to George Young (LSC) 5-10, 1-10.

UNDER THE MELBOURNE SUN . . .

Desforges Hopes To Prove A Mrs Can Perform As Well As A Miss

By ERIC NICHOLLS

Women! Now that's an interesting subject. Let's take women in sport.

Have you a picture in your mind of a muscular young female heavyweight wielding a hockey stick and roaring "bully girls?" You would be quite wrong, you know.

Take one look at the brown hair, soft grey eyes, and pleasing features of Jean Desforges, Britain's top girl athlete, and the picture is changed considerably.

Jean, despite her sporting activities, finds time to be just plain Mrs Pickering, wife of a games master at a London Grammar School.

Walk along Fleet Street any lunch hour, and the chances are that you would meet Jean

window-shopping, or on her way back to the office where she is a secretary.

You probably wouldn't notice anything unusual about her. Certainly, to most she can throw a discus, and she can throw a pretty good discus, too.

Hurdling was her first love. They used to clear the first corridor at Stratford Grammar School so that head prefect Jean could get in ten training over home-made hurdles. She had only a thirty-yard wooden run, but she used to get up such speed that her gym mistress and fellow athletes used to block the end to prevent her falling down some steps.

A natural jumper, too. For in winning the European Games title at Bern, her final leap of 1911 9/16ths, set up a new Games record. On the way to a Gold Medal she beat a field of 23, including Russian wonder girl Chudina.

Jean's outlook on athletics is realistic. "I can only hope to run faster by training, with people faster than myself," she once said.

SPRINTERS AND THROWERS. She put her theory into practice by spending the winter of 1953-54 training with experienced men sprinters and throwers under the direction of Austrian coach Franz Stampfl.

In 1953 Jean was elected Britain's top woman athlete. And she had overcome illness and a series of failures on track and field.

When she stepped down from the Vancouver podium with a Gold Medal clutched in her trembling hands, one of Jean's

"RAGGING" INCIDENT Most Unfortunate Thing Says MCC Selector Over TV

London, Feb. 28. Mr R. V. Robins, former Middlesex and England cricketer, now an MCC selector, referred to the recent "ragging" incident of Umpire Beg by members of the MCC team in Pakistan during the BBC television programme "Sportsview" tonight in London.

"It is the most unfortunate thing I can remember in cricket," said the famous Test player.

Mr Robins hoped the reports from Pakistan had been exaggerated and said it was very difficult to pre-judge the incident from here. The Test selector added that a report on the affair was coming and when it arrived, it would be "very, very seriously considered" by the MCC.

"Even if the incident has been exaggerated," concluded Mr Robins, "the timing of it was deplorable." — France-Press.

first presents was a bouquet of flowers and a cable from Ronald Pickering, the boy from just around the corner back home in Forest Gate.

Jean married Ronald and so ended a friendship that began when the two were childhood sweethearts attending the local school.

Marriage and athletics don't mix? Fanny Blankers-Koen, that amazing Dutch housewife, blew that theory sky high.

Under the Melbourne sun to prove conclusively that a Mrs can perform as well as a Miss.

Record Goes At University Athletics

By "RECORDER"

An appropriate Leap Year's Day performance was accomplished at Pokfulam yesterday, as the University Athletic Championships continued, by Corin Crozier, of Duchess of Kent Hall, as she set a new University record of 4 feet 3 1/2 inches in the High Jump.

The old record of 4 feet 2 1/2 inches had been set by Flora Anderson in 1949. Only four girls—Jennifer Hart, Deborah Huribatt, Julia Tingay and Valerio Jilott—have ever jumped higher in Hongkong.

Bill Tan of Lugard Hall had an unsuccessful try at the University record of 10 feet 0 1/4 inch in the Pole Vault after winning the event at 9 feet 3 inches and might have gone over with more confidence.

He would probably have cleared the intermediate heights of 9 ft 6 inches and 9 feet 9 inches and the record is certainly his if he pays more attention to this event.

The Mile, run under the University athletic ground floodlights and the street lamps above the field) was won in 5 minutes 22.4 seconds by Wallace Wong Ka-yiu of Ricci Hall. This was far off his own University record of 5 minutes 17 seconds which he lapped several of the other starters.

Bob Pope and Keith Birch have been known to lap other starters, but at distances of several miles. Despite the bad lighting and a lack of corner judges, the University sporting spirit remained on a high level and no one took what was a very kemping short cut in the dark.

RESULTS

Results of finals decided yesterday were: Pole Vault: 1. Bill Tan (Lugard) 9ft 3ins; 2. Daniel Ng (Lugard) 8ft 5ins; 3. Ng Chun-wai (Lugard) 7ft 9ins; 4. Su Chong-hee (Morrison) 7ft 5ins.

Ladies' High Jump: 1. Corin Crozier (Duchess of Kent) 4ft 3 1/2 ins (University record); 2. Soong Hwee-hwa (Lady Ho Tung) 3ft 8ins; 3. Fok Po-lam (Duchess of Kent) 3ft 8ins; 4. Judith Pun (Lady Ho Tung) 3ft 7ins.

One Mile Run: 1. Wong Ka-yiu (Ricci) 5mins 22.4secs; 2. Chen Foo-yan (Elliot); 3. Wong Sit-chit (Morrison); 4. Mok Yee-chor (Ricci).

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appley



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VISITING THE STABLES

The McGraths Will Take Their Share Of Our Prizes

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

Irishman Mr Joseph McGrath has built up a Turf empire in the past 20 years. Although it is not quite on the scale of the Aga Khan's, no other stud founded since 1930 can compete with the record of McGrath's two at Brownstown and Trimblestown.

It is true that McGrath has won the Derby only once—with Arctic Prince in 1951—but Solar Slipper might easily have won in 1948 if he had not been cast in his box on the morning of the race.

His son, Panasthoper, was caught only close home by Phil Drake in last year's race.

In addition, Arctic Star (Narciso-Serena) injured himself as a foal and never ran but in fact becoming a top sire. Normally an untraced horse is never given a chance at the stud but the McGraths were so certain of his ability that they have persevered with him.

PROFIT

If luck has not always been with Mr Joe McGrath in his Derby ventures, he has made plenty of profit from the stables he has sold in the past few years.

Nasrullah, bought cheaply from the Aga Khan, went to America at almost £140,000.

Arctic Prince and Solar Slipper both go to America in June at a figure of well over £250,000. This pair and Panasthoper were sold last summer to the Irish National Stud.

McGrath will still be left with one of the most powerful studs in Ireland and one of the best strings in training in the British Isles.

Although he has exported some of his best stallions, he also imported the Kentucky Derby winner, Hill Gail, when the Treasury refused to grant the dollars to a syndicate of British breeders to buy the horse. Hill Gail won \$35,025 dollars on the American turf.

AT THE TOP

McGrath's son, Seamus, does the training, and although he won only one of his last season, he was top of the list in Ireland. He saddled 25 winners of 42½ races, worth £18,525.

Seamus is a young man, who has reached the top of his profession quickly, and, with 60 horses in his stable for the coming season, will be taking his toll of English prizes.

Of the other horses, Arctic Time is quite sound again. He did not run again last season after finishing fourth to Vimy, Acropolis and Elopement in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot.

That performance stamped him as a colt with a future, and the English handicapper rates him about 3lb behind Acropolis.

If he keeps sound he could be a danger in any race. The Ascot winner, Windsor Sun, is still in training, and looks far more matured.

The two chief classic hopes this season are Windsor Serial and Roistair.

The grey Windsor Serial is in the English and Irish 2,000 Guineas only as he is not expected to stay.

He was only 5lb below the top weight in the Irish Free Handicap and has grown into a powerful colt. Unfortunately he is blind in one eye.

Roistair (Arctic Star-Roistair) was second in the Irish Free Handicap 2lb below Sarissa but he was 1lb above Milestone, who is a classic possibility.

WELL MADE

He is engaged in all the classic races and is a very well-made colt. A good Irish judge told me that Roistair had three very hard races to end the season and he may remember them unless he is a very tough colt.

The three-year-olds, of whom there are more than 20, are all superbly bred, but apart from those mentioned, not many will be seen in England.

Of the two-year-olds I was most interested in Chevalier. He is a half-brother by Prince Chevalier to Panasthoper, and came up for sale at Dublin last

Opening Batsman KO's Wicketkeeper With Mighty Hook

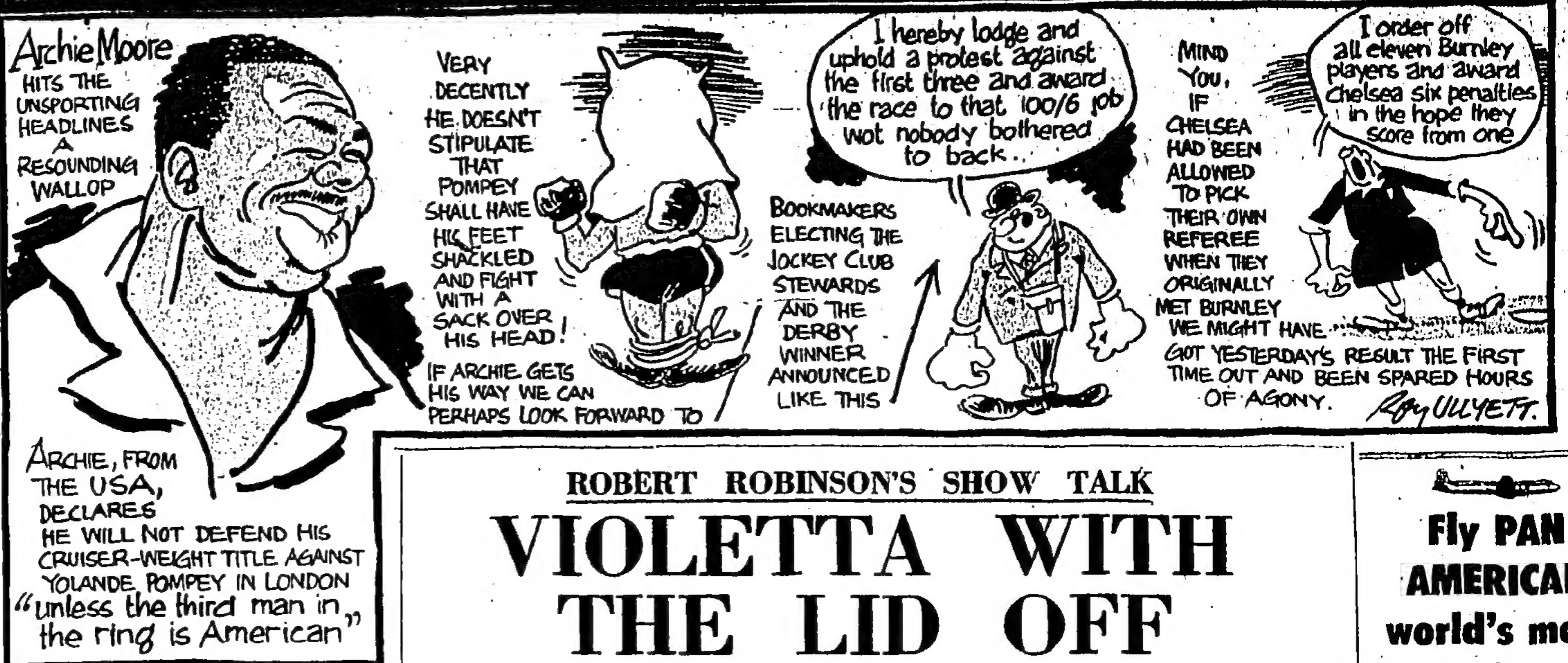
Melbourne, Feb. 20.

The opening batsman of the Sydney University team knocked the wicketkeeper unconscious while making a mighty hook shot during a cricket match against Melbourne University.

His bat caught the wicketkeeper behind the ear.

The injured player recovered after doctors had stitched up his wound. —Chick Mail Special.

ROY ULLYETT... sees the shape of sporting things to come



ROBERT ROBINSON'S SHOW TALK

VIOLETTA WITH THE LID OFF

"Now go back," says Miss Violetta Elvin after our chat, "and twist it. Try not to twist it too much." From which you gather that prima ballerina Elvin's opinion of the truth-loving British journalist is not high.

Indeed, her opinion of other British institutions—hotels, Customs officials and the licensing laws—is so splendidly low that I nominate her "Miss Gilbert Harding of 1956."

This week the Customs actually made her weep. "I was tired—I had danced two full-length ballets on successive nights. I arrive home, and the man at the Customs makes me undo all my parcels."

"I was the first in the last garden. Not do this; can't have that. One is nervous, highly strung. He keeps me thirty minutes. Why does he have to be so pedantic? Somebody has to be the victim, I suppose."

"I was chosen. He had decided—and he was too stubborn to back down."

"And your hotels," she goes on, "as I encourage her to unburden herself, they treat you as if you were in a kinder-

garden. Not do this; can't have that."

"Small people—maids and such—dictate when you must have breakfast. You do not feel at home."

"Are we the guests—or are they?"

A hit, a palpable hit!

"And," she goes on, handing me a glass of wistowka, which is vodka and cherries, and is as

sweet and sharp as Miss Elvin herself, "how foolish your licensing laws are—for those who love to drink."

She broods eloquently. "You English are so tolerant. I am not."

I believe her.

For with every query I put, I am told I am naughty to ask. I am told I am going to twist things.

By the time I leave her, I am feeling so twisted I suspect I shall have to screw my hat on.

"No," she says, "I was not glad to leave Russia. I am glad to leave one's mother?"

But she will not be lining the route when Messrs Bulgarev and Kravtchev visit us in the Spring.

"I shall follow their progress through the papers. I am an artist. I will not discuss politics."

Indeed, the subjects Miss Elvin will not discuss would fill an edition of this newspaper.

"I do not like to talk of ambitions," she says, when I ask her whether she will follow ballerina Moira Shearer in the straight theatre.

"No, I will not say at what age a ballerina should give up dancing." (She is 28—getting on a bit, from the ballet point of view.)

FLATTERY

She is not even sure she will tell me whether she is flattered at being described as "the most beautiful ballerina in the world"—or whether it pleases her to have been painted at least six times.

"Painters paint old women and fishermen. Why should I be flattered?"

As I go out, she admits that if she were to act, she would like to play Esmeralda in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

Personally, I see her playing Kate in "The Taming of the Shrew." Any volunteers for Petruchio?

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FOOTBALL IS WAR SO...

PLAYERS MUST BE GOOD SOLDIERS; THEY MUST HAVE DISCIPLINE AND LOYALTY

Says ALEC STOCK

Football is war, once a week, every Saturday, and so footballers must be good soldiers—fit, strong, quick, adaptable.

They must have discipline. They must know what they are fighting for. They must have loyalty. But I'm afraid too often they don't have these things.

A lot of rubbish is talked about footballers, and I don't want to join the chorus. But the modern footballer just does not fit the bill.

Don't misunderstand me. It is not his fault. How can you expect men to be proud of their profession when the maximum reward it can offer them, no matter how talented they are, is £15?

How can you expect young men to submit themselves to the discipline of hard, continuous training, rigorous travelling, appearances before thousands of people as skilled entertainers for this pittance? It doesn't make sense.

THOSE PERKS

Why, clubs in comparatively minor competitions, outside the scope of the powerful Football League—the non-League clubs—can pay their men more than they can ever hope to earn in our self-styled "premier competition."

So inevitably you have players accepting perks, outside offers in the way of advertising, writing, radio and TV appearances, and part-time jobs.

Many of these jobs pay more than football does, so football loses its edge for the player.

It becomes that much less important to him, the non-football income that much more important.

Don't indict the player. Blame this brave new world of ours, full of tensions and pressures and distractions.

I will not listen if you quote me on pre-war loyalties. Then it was easy to be loyal, because for most people the vital thing was to have a job, ANY job, that paid any kind of money, and footballers then were paid far in advance of the average workman. It is not so now.

In any case, I am a post-war type. I have no opinions of the great ones like Charlie Buchan and Alex James and Billy Walker. They were way before my time. I didn't see them play.

STREETS AHEAD

But I know that in training, coaching, fitness, club administration and facilities for the fans (they can be improved still) post-war football is streets ahead of the old game.

There were many exceptions to these criticisms, and the two outstanding players in this respect are clearly Stanley Matthews and Billy Wright.

If you sit down in cold blood and consider that this man Matthews is 41 years of age but is still playing in World Championships and international matches and right through the rigours of a harsh English season, the whole thing becomes almost incredible.

There is nothing quite like it in the whole scope of sport. But even more startling is the fact that Matthews seems to want to play football now as much as he did when he was a boy of 17.

You will know how I feel about this man when I tell you that when he came to play at our ground I asked him for his autograph for myself. I have never done that before or since with any other person. Wright is remarkable. Each time I see him, he seems a better footballer. I have never seen a player play with such zest for his work.

Enthusiasm for the task, in hand is perhaps Bill Wright's greatest quality. I would counsel all players to model themselves on Matthews and Wright.

One player like either of these can make a team. He can inspire other lesser players to play above themselves, to produce the extra effort at vital moments.

And when you have four such players in a team you touch greatness in football. Think of all the great, truly great, sides you have known and you will find that true.

I am no slave to what we call, loosely, Continental football—short passing and close manoeuvres.

I feel that English-style football should be the basis of our national team play—fast, open, hard-striking football.

I am convinced that the English fan relishes the physical side of football, the crisp tackles and lusty shoulder-charges that feature our game. And so we must give them this.

RELISHES

I am convinced that the English fan relishes the physical side of football, the crisp tackles and lusty shoulder-charges that feature our game. And so we must give them this.

Most of my time has been spent in the Third Division, and so I haven't seen much of the highest-class teams or all the international matches.

But I reckon the "B" team which played Yugoslavia at Manchester earlier this season got close to my ideal for England in a tactical sense.

There you had boys like Groves, Edwards, Atyeo, Perry playing fast, direct, open football, and they all had the skill and intelligence to play it properly.

When that happens the style is irresistible. As long as these players keep emerging and reaching for the heights our game will be healthy at both club and international level.

(London Express Service).

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HKFA JOB FOR K. K. IP

K. K. Ip yesterday announced his resignation from the Hongkong Chinese Football Association. Mr Ip, who was representative of the CFA on the Hongkong Football Association and Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation Councils, is, it is understood, taking up a post as assistant to Mr R. M. Omar, Secretary of the Hongkong Football Association.

A meeting of the CFA which was called yesterday at which Mr K. Y. Yung presided, playing by himself and the Controller of State Properties on the one side and the officer commanding the British Military Mission to Libya and myself on the other. The Controller of State Properties, who hails from Lindrindon Wells, is the Champion of Libya and would, I think, beat the better ball of Hogan and Sneed on their first attempt, having mastered the art of causing the ball to lodge on the green from 100 yards. Orthodox methods, the soon learnt, do not effect this. If you pitch short, the ball stops dead with a splash of sand. If you pitch on, it flies over the back as though off concrete.

We managed to halve with the Champion and his distinguished partner, largely through my brilliant three at the 18th, which was brought about by one of the most remarkable putts ever made in North Africa. The green sloped sharply to the right and a strong wind was blowing from the left. I putted, from off the green, well to the right and on the last few feet the ball turned steeply up the slope and against the wind and ran into the hole.

On grass this might be held to be an optical illusion. On sand the evidence is there for all to see, the path of the ball marked clearly on the green.

Starting Times For Ladies' Golf Championship

The following are the draw and starting times for the Ladies' Section Golf Championship to be played over 55 holes at Fanning on Thursday, March 8.

Old Course	New Course
0.00 Mrs H.R. Cleland	1.30 Mrs J.J. Cowell
0.10 Mrs W.N. Gray	1.40 Mrs J. Connell Brown
0.20 Mrs G.W. Vaughan	1.50 Mrs J. Brooks
0.30 Mrs J. G. Coombs	2.00 Mrs J. A. Greig
0.40 Mrs J. Hunter	2.10 Mrs L. Goldman
0.50 Mrs J. Burns	2.20 Mrs J. A. Anderson
1.00 Mrs J. A. Laroche	2.30 Mrs F.O. Harrison
1.10 Mrs J. McCann	2.40 Mrs J. H. Robinson
1.20 Mrs J. M. Backe	2.50 Mrs W.F. Birnie
1.30 Mrs J. W. Dawson-Grova	3.00 Mrs J. Wal
1.40 Mrs J.C. Hurden	3.10 Mrs J. Gray
1.50 Mrs J.R. Collie	3.20 Mrs R. Neale
2.00 Mrs J.A.H. Saunders	3.30 Mrs H.J. Armstrong

The courtesy of the First Tee has been granted as undermentioned for the playing of the Ladies' Championship.

Old Course—March 8—7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

New Course—March 8—12.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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Meeting of the Shareholders
of The Hongkong & Shanghai
Hotels, Ltd., will be held at
the Registered Office of the
Company (Second Floor,
Telephone House, Des Voeux
Road Central, Hongkong), on
Friday, 23rd March, 1956 at
12 Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
Board of Directors together
with the Statement of
Accounts for the year ended
31st December, 1955, to re-
elect a Director and to
appoint Auditor.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
the 10th March, 1956 to the
23rd March, 1956, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. SOMMERFELD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th Feb., 1956.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

NOTICE is hereby given
that the Annual General
Meeting of the Society will be held
at the Board Room of the
Hong Kong Jockey Club,
Alexandra House, 8th Floor,
on Tuesday 20th March, 1956,
at 5.30 p.m. to receive the
Report of the Committee for the
year ended 31st December,
1955, and to approve the
Accounts and to transact
such other business as may be
necessary according to the
Constitution of the Society.

By Order of the Executive
Committee,

H. MAITLAND,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th Feb., 1956.

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on March 2, 1956, and consignees
are requested to have their repre-
sentatives present during the survey.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1956.

POLICE DOGS PROVE THEIR VALUE IN KENYA

By Henderson Gall

Nairobi, Feb. 29.

Police dogs working in Kenya, mainly
tracking Mau Mau terrorists for the past
three years, have done so well that the
Tanganyika and Uganda police forces are
to start dog sections soon.

The Kenya police dog section is made
up of about 30 Alsatis, 30 Doberman
Pinchers (a famous German hunting dog,
black and tan, with a stumpy tail) and a
few cross-breeds. It is to be increased to
more than 100 dogs, according to Assistant
Superintendent W. C. H. (Bill) Warner,
in charge of the section, who comes from
Whitehead, Co. Antrim, Ireland.

When I visited his section,
Alsatis and Dobermans start-
ed barking fiercely in nearby
kennels. One of the eleven
European handlers came in off
a patrol with an Alsatian and
said as I got quickly out of its
way: "This one is a holy terror
—but only on the job." The
section, which has posts
throughout Kenya, has also
about 30 African handlers.

Record Year

Last year was a record year
for the section, started in 1949
by Warner and Acting Assistant
Superintendent William Duncan
Cumming, who used to be a
gamekeeper on the estates of
the Duke of Perth, in Scotland.
Dog patrols made 734 arrests,
287 of them in Nairobi. About
half were Mau Mau Emergency
cases.

A successful, although by no
means exceptional, tracking
operation, work for which only
Dobermans are used, took place
at Embu last September.

A Doberman tracked a large
gang which had attacked a herd
of cattle, for five miles, start-
ing with nothing more than one
footprint.

Two hundred yards from
where the dog stopped at the
foot of a steep hill, the terror-
ists were flushed: one was killed
and one wounded and cap-
tured.

Assistant Superintendent
Warner, 44 years old, of
medium height, broad, brown-
faced and modest, said that the
longest "track" he has done
covered 22 miles, lasted seven
hours, and left everyone ex-
hausted except the dog. Be-
tween five and 10 miles is
considered an average "track".

Bull Terrier

The most famous dog of the
Kenya section is a bull terrier
called Jock, who "would never
let go." He is no longer at the
kennels. He had to be destroyed
last year. In 1950, he was
awarded the dog's VC—the
Dickens Medal—when he went
after a gang of seven, caught
one man and was nearly slashed
to pieces. One blow almost
severed his head, and Jock had
30 stitches and spent six weeks
in "hospital" before he went
back to work apparently as
good as ever.

Later, in Mombasa, an Afri-
can went berserk, lying about
him with a knife. Jock got him,
was badly slashed and was
rewarded a "bar" to his VC.

Such a dog as Jock, or the
two ace Doberman trackers,
Mona and Gyp, both aged eight,
are "invaluable," according to
Assistant Superintendent War-
ner, or who declares that in two
years the section will have the
finest dogs in the country.

A recent German visitor was
particularly impressed by the
Dobermans.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per

CHE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES

S.S. "METNAM"

are hereby notified that their cargo
will be discharged into the Hong
Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown
Co., Ltd.'s godown where it will be
at consignees' risk and subject to
the wharf's terms and conditions of
storage and where delivery may be
obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left
in the godown for examination by
consignees and the company's sur-
veyors, Messrs Goddard & Douglas
at 10 a.m. on Monday, 5th March,
1956.

No claims will be admitted after
the goods have been in the godown and
all goods remaining undelivered after
the 5th March, 1956, will be subject
to rent.

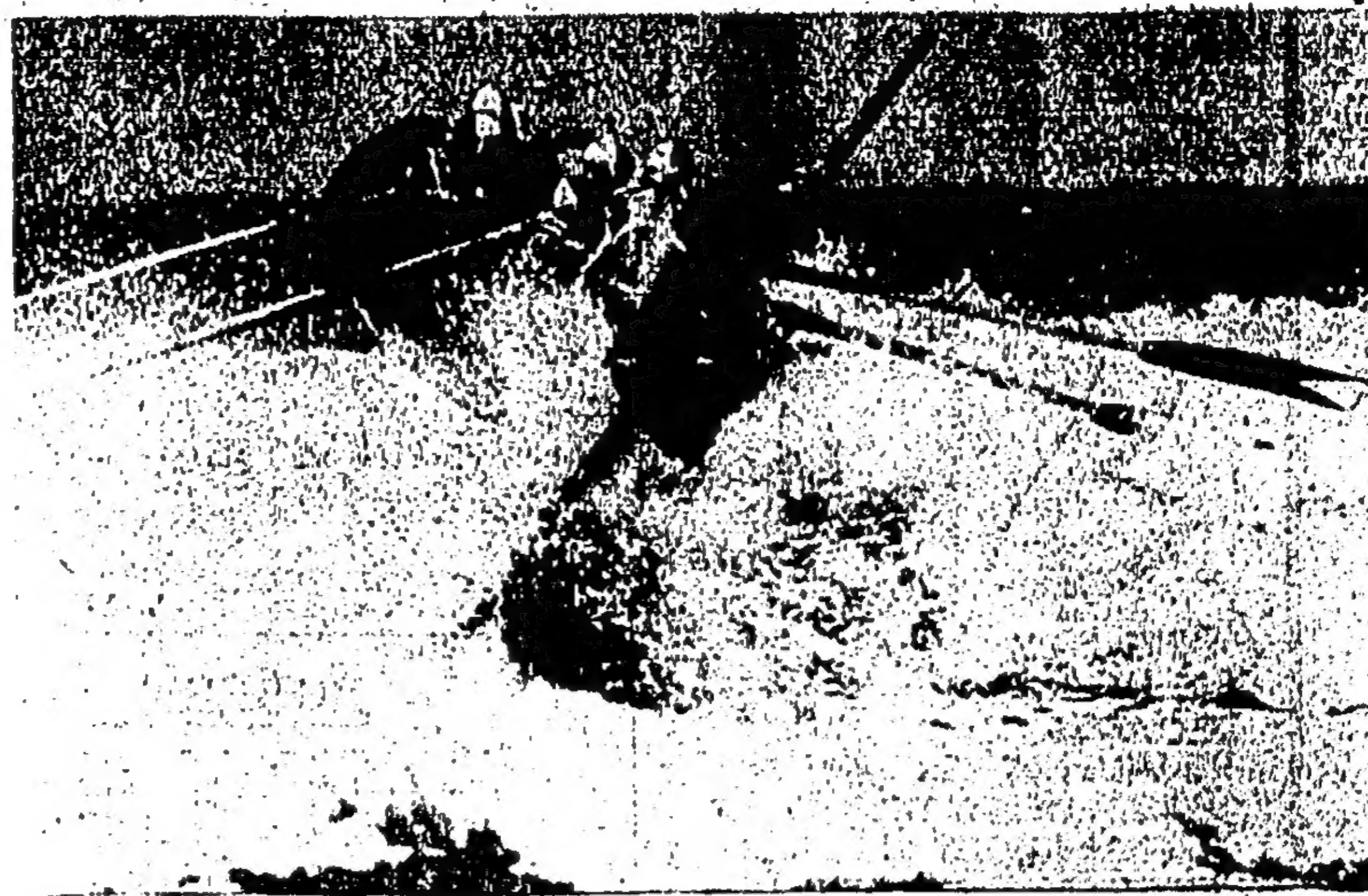
All claims against the vessel must
be presented to the undersigned on or
before the 5th March, 1956, or they
may not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

CHE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES

Hong Kong, 28th February, 1956.

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Mail Notices

The latest times of posting
shown below are those for un-
registered correspondence posted
at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest
posting times elsewhere which,
in general, are earlier than the
G.P.O. times can be ascertained
by enquiry at the local office.
The latest posting times for
registered articles are generally
one hour earlier than the times
shown below. Particulars regard-
ing parcel mails can be ascer-
tained by enquiry at any post
office.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1
By Air
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa,
Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Sarawak, N. Borneo, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 2
By Air
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa,
11 a.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zea-
land, 2 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle
East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe,
6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Indonesia, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Malaya, West Australia, Paracels

via Fremantle, 1 p.m.
Korea, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 3
By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kun-
ming, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Aus-
tralia, New Zealand & Ceylon,
11 a.m.
India-China, Noon.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle
East, Africa, Great Britain &
Europe, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea,
6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Indo-China, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Formosa, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Canada, 1 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 2 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 4 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America,
4 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 4
By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 5
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30
Macao, 1 p.m.
Korea, 2 p.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Indo-China, Thailand, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Tough Sport In Sydney

West Berlin Glider Pilots Go East

Berlin, Feb. 29.

Most of West Berlin's 1,200 amateur glider
pilots, barred by the Western Allies from using
training fields in their home city, have begun to
practise their sport in East Germany with the
help of a Communist para-military training
organisation.

The West Berlin Aero Club has conducted
negotiations with the East German Society for
Sports and Technical Training on the Society's
offer for the use of its airfield at Schoenhagen,
about 20 miles south of Berlin, Dr Heye
Straatmann, president of the club, has announced.

Verbal agreement had been
reached on various details but
no written statement accepting
the offer in full had yet been
signed, although West Berliners
have used the Society's facili-
ties unofficially for some time.

The aim of the Society, ac-
cording to East German leaders,
is to train "the snipers, sailors
and pilots of tomorrow."

NO ENTRY PERMITS

Special East German buses
take them to the airfields from
the West Berlin sector boundary
in the morning and drive them
back again at night. They are
never asked for entry permits,
which the East German authori-
ties normally grant to West
Berliners only in such serious
emergencies as the death of
relatives.

Emphasising that young West
Berliners cannot understand
why they should be the only
glider pilots in the world
deprived from practising their
sport, Dr Straatmann said that he
had formally notified the Allied
Commandatura and he hoped
that the Commandants might
review their attitude "in view
of the possible consequences."

He recalled that the West
Berlin city government had
made its latest appeal to the
Western Commandants last
March, suggesting that gliders
be allowed to use the British-
controlled Gatow airfield or the
French-controlled Tegel airport
on the edge of the city for
training flights under Allied
supervision. But the Allied
authorities had so far left the
appeal unanswered.

NOT WELCOMED

Both these airfields were used
as terminals for the Allied air-
lift during the Soviet blockade
of 1948-49 for supplying West
Berliners with vital food and
raw materials. They have since
been almost abandoned.

The East-West negotiations
for facilities for West Berlin
glider pilots in the East are not
welcomed by leaders of the
West German Aero Club who
disapprove, for political reasons,
of any pact which the West
Berlin section may conclude
with the East.

West Berlin newspapers have
expressed grave concern about
the possibility of such a pact
which, they declared, might ex-
pose West Berlin youths to the
"danger of Communist ideolo-
gies."

Their fears are based upon
the declared aim of the East
German Society, which plays
host to the West Berlin
youngsters, to educate youth to
"hate imperialism and Western
militarism" and to become
ardent defenders of the Com-
munist East German regime.

The Society has been officially
proclaimed as an equal pillar
of East German defence with
the armed forces and the home
guard, known as "fighting
groups."

The organisation is run on
the model of the Soviet
Osoaviakhim and DOSAAF
mass organisations with the aim
of giving men and women be-
tween the ages of 15 and 50
"special knowledge to increase
their defence preparedness."

INDOCTRINATION

Its members participate after
working hours and at weekends
in field exercises, including
shooting, riding, dog training,
motor sports, radio and telecom-
munication training, flying,
gliding, parachuting and aquatic
sports.
Political indoctrination forms
an integral part of this training.
—China Mail Special.

No Room For Manoeuvres

Berne, Feb. 20.

The War Minister, Mr. Paul
Chaudet, told a press conference
here that Switzerland was hav-
ing difficulty in finding room
for manoeuvres with the 100
Centurion tanks recently
bought from Britain.

Owing to tourist centres,
alpine farms and game pres-
erves, there was barely room
to carry out proper courses for
training the tank crews.

He said the Military Depart-
ment was negotiating to buy
land from farmers to enlarge
its training areas. —China Mail
Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



FERD'NAND

By Milk



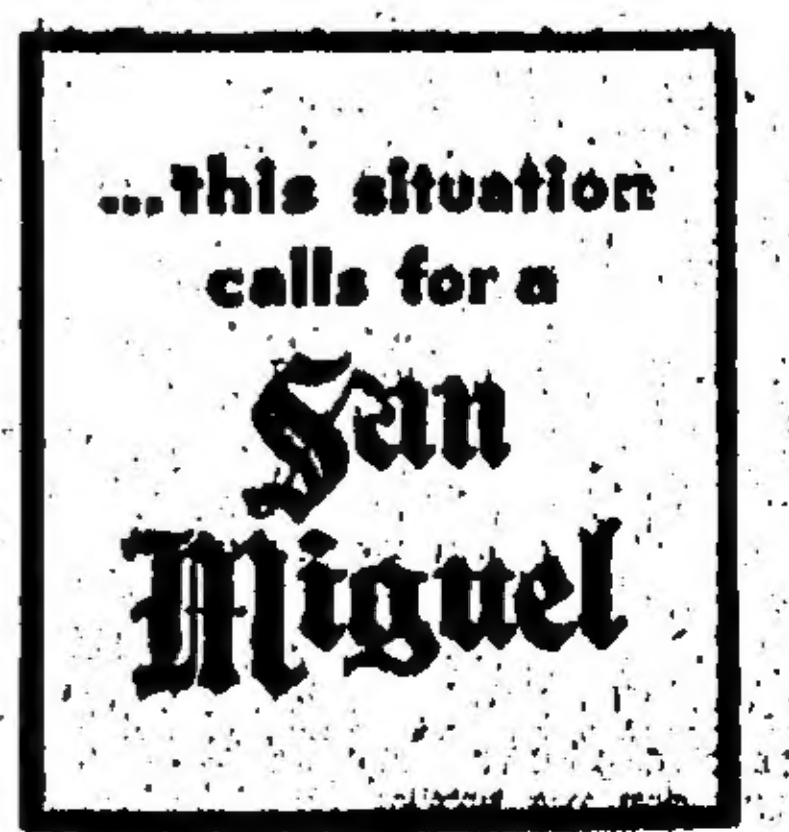
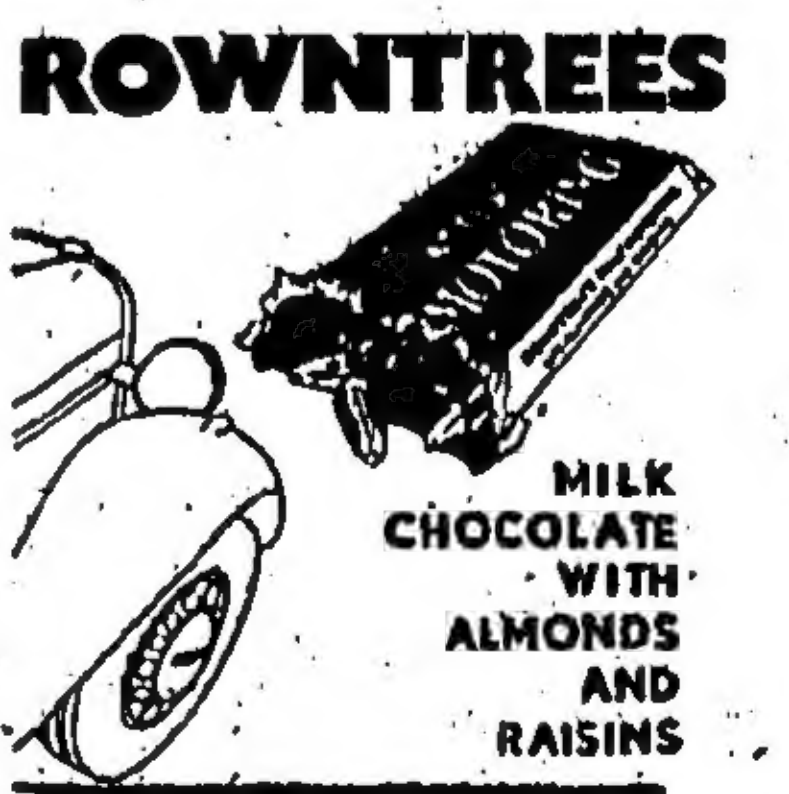
NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Quebec Protests Against Rise In Price Of Newsprint

Ottawa, Feb. 29.

When the price of newsprint to Canadian consumers was increased again last autumn by 4 dollars a ton, some of the loudest protests in a nationwide outcry came from the province of Quebec, where many French language newspapers operate upon comparatively slim financial margins and mounting overhead costs are threatening the weaker publications with extinction.

The Premier of Quebec, Mr. Maurice Duplessis, had already appealed to the newsprint companies in his province not to raise prices to Quebec consumers. When they did so in spite of his plea, he announced that he would bring in a newsprint control measure at the 1956 session of the legislature.

The first draft of the bill, which was circulated in January, before the Quebec Parliament met, contained provisions which horrified many of the newspapers, such as the Ottawa Journal, which had most strongly criticised the newsprint companies.

The attack upon it, however, was conducted almost entirely by newspapers outside the province of Quebec, such as the influential Conservative Globe and Mail of Toronto, lately acquired by the Montreal financier, Howard Webster.

Quebec Mills

The three Quebec French language dailies joined in the criticism, but the English language newspapers maintained silence.

In broad outline, the Duplessis bill held newsprint prices to the level of last September, before the four dollars a ton increase came into force. It applied only to mills in the province of Quebec and the controlled price was available only to publishers in the same province.

It also guaranteed a supply to Quebec consumers, thereby giving them priority over publishers in the rest of Canada or in the United States, in the event of future shortages.

Finally it provided for the creation of a four-man board of newsprint control to enforce the provisions of the bill. In the original draft, decisions of the board were to be irreversible, which, to its critics, appeared to be absolutism of the worst sort. When the Duplessis bill was introduced into the legislature in January important changes had been made to meet some of the most strenuous objections of the critics. These were not amendments in the ordinary legislative sense, but changes made prior to the formal introduction of the bill.

Ominously Broad

Among the most important of these was one providing for an appeal to a tribunal of three district judges on decisions made by the board.

Again, in the original bill, the board had authority to reduce the supply of newsprint to any publication if its circulation dropped or because of "any other circumstance." In the final draft, this phrase "any other circumstance" was dropped, leaving the board authority to reduce newsprint supplies only in accordance with reduced requirements.

As originally drafted, the critics feared, the bill could be used to control the press of the province politically.

Another important change makes the bill permissive rather than mandatory in its powers. It is now specifically stated that the bill must be regarded "not as imposing obligations upon them (the consumers) or limiting their freedom, but as conferring upon them rights of which they may or may not avail themselves, at their discretion."

Explosive

In practice, this leaves newspapers free to do business with their suppliers as at present, if they wish to. But if they wish to avail themselves of the law,

New York Sugar Market

New York, Feb. 29.

World No. 4 sugar futures today closed unchanged to 4 points higher with sales of 234 contracts.

The domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 141 contracts.

Strength reflected the broader demand for raw sugar, with some future deliveries reaching new seasonal highs.

Dealers estimated Japan so far this year has purchased upward of 200,000 tons of raws, mostly from Cuba. Sources also believed Japanese eventual purchases may reach 200,000 tons instead of the 250,000 tons previously estimated. Futures:

Contract No. 4 (world)	
March	329
May	323
July	323-33
September	323
October	323
November	323
December	323
Spot (cents per lb. for Cuba)	324

Contract No. 6	
May	343
July	337
September	337
October	337
November	337
December	337
Spot (cents per lb. for Cuba ex-duty)	343

TRACTOR DEMAND DROPS

New York, Feb. 29.

The biggest American producers of farm machinery, the International Harvester Company have announced a 20 per cent cut in tractor production because of a serious drop in demand. This will mean laying off 355 workers at one factory and an undetermined number at the second.

Another major manufacturer, the Oliver Corporation, at the same time announced a reduction in its dividend rate following a 25 per cent decline in sales for the first quarter of its financial year. It is said to have laid off 2,200 workers.—China Mail Special.

COTTON SELLING SPREE

New York, Feb. 29.

Cotton futures today widened the dividing line between old and new crop deliveries.

At the close the list ruled 10 points high to 53 points lower. Opening prices were off 5 to 40 points. New Orleans closed up 22 to 45 points.

Overnight confirmation of reports that the government will sell its entire surplus stock of raw cotton overseas at competitive prices, for delivery after Aug. 1, brought an overnight accumulation of selling orders from all directions.

While the announcement insured sales will be made on an orderly way, traders' reaction was that the move will swell the supply and intensify the competitive position for the new crop next summer.

Beard's sentiment heightened with reports that the support price for the 1955 crop will be lowered about three cents a pound to improve its competitive position with foreign growers and synthetic fibres.

Traders awaited more details on the government's new selling programme designed to boost American exports to around 9,000,000 bales annually. Mill executives were fearful lest foreign manufacturers would be able to buy raw cotton here at cut-rate prices.

NEW YORK	
Spot	35.00
Mar.	33.77
May	33.00
July	32.60
Oct.	31.70
Dec.	31.10
Mar.	30.60
May	30.10
July	29.60

NEW ORLEANS	
Spot	33.25
Mar.	32.12-17
May	31.70-71
July	31.20
Oct.	31.20
Dec.	31.10
Mar.	30.60
May	30.10
July	29.60

LIVERPOOL

The announcement from Washington that the government is offering its huge cotton surplus for sale abroad at competitive prices had a paralysing effect on the cotton exchange this morning. The committee which every noon goes into a huddle to determine the "official values" for spot cotton, sessioned for more than an hour and in the end marked down all qualities of American cotton by 170 points. Such a drop is unusual though not unprecedented. However, Americans are still substantially above the low levels reached earlier in the year.

Cotton futures closings today, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Old contract Mar/Apr.	
May/June	24.40
July/Aug.	24.55
Sept/Oct.	24.70
Nov/Dec.	24.85
Jan/Feb.	25.00

SAO PAULO
Futures closings in cruzados per kilo were as follows:

March	
May	37.30
July	38.10
Sept.	38.90
Nov.	39.70
Dec.	40.50

In the US the average price of 10/16 middling cotton at 14 designated spot markets was 85.41 cents. Sales totalled 20,007 bales.—United Press.

Wall Street Stocks Retreat After Initial Burst

New York, Feb. 29.

Wall Street responded to President Eisenhower's decision to run with an initial burst of enthusiasm and a subsequent cautious retreat which left the stock market lower on the day.

Stocks went up a point or more at the opening; soared even further when announcement came of the President's willingness to accept the nomination. Reporting tickers fell as much as 19 minutes behind floor transactions as buy orders poured in.

The caution came later as traders read the details of the President's statement, particularly his remark that the Republican convention might not want him after his speech to-night at which he will outline the conditions under which he will accept the nomination. Others felt his decision had been greatly discounted and many took advantage of the market's strength to realise profits.

Industrials were the whole market and held fair gains right down to the final half hour when selling knocked the leaders down a bit at 483.95. At its best it had reached 491.09, a new high at all time.

Smaller Losses

Rails and utilities had smaller losses and out of a total 1,201 issues traded, 493 were lower, 450 higher. Trading quieted in the later dealing, but volume nevertheless reached 3,001,000 shares. It was in sharp contrast with yesterday's 2,540,000 shares.

At the close, Du Pont was off nearly 4 points, Dow Chemical nearly 2.

Behlchem finished with a loss of more than a point. Chrysler lost a point. General Motors held only a 1/4 gain. Oils did better than most with Shell up a point and Jersey Standard up 1 1/2.

Rails had mostly small losses ranging to 1 1/2 points in Delaware and Hudson.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$5,250,000. American Stock Exchange volume was 1,130,000 shares.

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy.	5.21%
Allied Chemicals	13.1%
Allied Chem. Corp.	60%
Allied Chem. Corp.	24%
American Airlines	24%
American Can. Co.	24%
American Mach. & Tool	24%
American Metal	24%
American Ref.	24%
American Tel. & Tel.	24%
American Tobacco	24%
American Copper	24%
Armco Steel	24%
Armco Steel Corp.	24%
Baltimore & Ohio	24%
Baltimore & Ohio	24%
Bentley Corp.	24%
Bentley Corp.	24%
Bethlehem Steel	24%
Borden (The) Co.	24%
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Canadian Pacific R.	24%
Case (J. I.) Corp.	24%
Case (J. I.) Corp.	24%
Celanese Corp.	24%
Celanese Corp.	24%
Chrysler Motors	24%
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	24%
Commonwealth Ed.	24%
Continental Oil of Del.	24%
Crown Zellerbach	24%
Cuban Amer. Sugar	24%
Dow Chemicals	24%
Dupont de Nemours	24%
Eastman Chemical Co.	24%
El Paso National Gas	24%
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Electric Power & Light	24%
General Electric	24%
General Motors	24%
Gen. Pub. Util.	24%
Goodrich Tire	24%
Hammermill Paper	24%
Imperial Oil	24%
International Corp.	24%
Int'l Business Machines	24%
International Nickel	24%
Int'l Tel. & Tel.	24%
Levens Incorp.	24%
Liggett Meyer's Tob. Co.	24%
Louisville & Nashville R.	24%
Mesa Iron Corp.	24%
Mission Development	24%
Montgomery Ward	24%
National Dairy Prod.	24%
National Steel Corp.	24%
National Steel Corp.	24%
Norfolk Southern	24%
Oakland Electric	24%
Oakland Electric	24%
Pan American Airways	24%
Parkway Corp.	24%
Penn. R. Co.	24%
Phillips Petroleum	24%
Procter & Gamble	24%
Pulley Industries	24%
Pure Oil	24%
Rayon Corp.	24%
Reynolds Metal	24%
Reynolds Metal	24%
Southern National Gas	24%

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$700,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

DANKS
UK Bank 1870 85 @ 1080
East Asia 50 @ 230

INSURANCES
Union 770 200 @ 30 1/2
Lombard 54

DOCKS, ETC.
K. Wharf 70 1470 @ 33
Providence (O) 14.10 1375 @ 14
Wheelock 8.50 8.55 1000 @ 9.00

LAND, ETC.
HK Hotel 18.40 18.60 400 @ 18.40
2000 @ 18.40
100 @ 10.00

HK Land 01 01 1/2 400 @ 01

(IN) 50 60 155 @ 30 1/2

HUMPHREYS 191 191

RUBBER
A Rubber 170 170 1000 @ 170

UTILITIES
Transit Ferry 105 105 20 @ 24 1/2
C. Light (O) 21.80 2000 @ 21.70
C. Light (N) 12.00 10 100 @ 12

ELC. & ALL 31 31 1/2 1000 @ 31 1/2

INDUSTRIALS
K. Wharf 70 1470 @ 33
Providence (O) 14.10 1375 @ 14
Wheelock 8.50 8.55 1000 @ 9.00

STONES, ETC.
Dairy 17.50 17.50
Watson 12.00

MISCELLANEOUS
Allied 0.40 230 @ 0.40

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

New York, Feb. 29.

The No. 1 Rss rubber futures contract today closed 15 to 25 points lower with sales of 469 contracts.

The standard contract closed 15 to 35 points lower with sales of 10 contracts.

Prices weakened after a buoyant start, with some of the late speculative selling coinciding with the closing reaction in securities.

Failure of factory buyers to follow the early rise also proved discouraging. Dealers said a moderate amount of selling at the finish "found a vacuum on buying side."

A fair amount of shipment business was reported worked on the early rise, with some dealers laying off hedging on the purchases.

Spot No. 1 Rss at the close was quoted nominally 33 1/2 cents a pound. Futures:

No. 1 RSS:

March 33.10-15
May 33.00
July 32.90
September 32.80
December 32.70-80

New standard contract

March 32.80
May 32.80
July 31.90
September 32.80
December 32.70

SINGAPORE

The market opened on better tone and there was some trade interest. Later, it fluctuated mildly and eased slightly towards the close. Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb. Mar. 90-91
Apr. 91-92
May 92-93
June 93-94
July 94-95
August 95-96
September 96-97
October 97-98
November 98-99
December 99-100

LONDON

The market was very steady with spot quoted at 28 1/2 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot 28 1/2-29 1/2
Apr. 29 1/2-30 1/2
May 30 1/2-31 1/2
June 31 1/2-32 1/2
July 32 1/2-33 1/2
Aug. 33 1/2-34 1/2
Sept. 34 1/2-35 1/2
Oct. 35 1/2-36 1/2
Nov. 36 1/2-37 1/2
Dec. 37 1/2-38 1/2

AMSTERDAM

The market was steady. Prices closed today at guilders per kilogram, cif March as follows:

No. 1 rubber 2.75 buyers
No. 2 rubber 2.70 buyers
No. 3 rubber 2.65 buyers
No. 1 crepe 2.60 buyers

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

Banking notes (per \$1) 10.25
Government notes (per \$1) 10.25
Banking notes (per 100) 10.25
Government notes (per 100) 10.25

London Market Drifts Lower

London, Feb. 29.

Stocks drifted lower in quiet trading on the London Exchange today. The market closed before President Eisenhower's statement in Washington that he is willing to run again.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixty-Third Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held on Thursday, the 16th day of March, 1956, at 11 a.m. at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, for the transaction of the business of an Ordinary General Meeting including the following:—

- (1) To receive and consider the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors, and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 1955, and the Balance Sheet as at that date.
- (2) To approve the Dividend.
- (3) To elect Directors.
- (4) To appoint Auditors.

The Register of Members will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March, to Thursday, the 16th of March, 1956, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. H. FELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1956.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Company's Registered Office, P. & O. Building, 4th Floor, Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon of the 15th day of March 1956 (or as soon thereafter as the business of the Sixty-third Annual General Meeting of the Company shall be concluded) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as a Special Resolution:—

"That the authorised Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$50,000,000 divided into 5,000,000 shares of \$10 each to \$100,000,000 by the creation of 5,000,000 additional shares of \$10 each."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:—

1. "That it is desirable to capitalise a sum of \$5,000,000 being part of the General Reserve Account and that accordingly a special capital bonus of \$5,000,000 free of income tax be declared and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on the 15th day of March 1956 are holders of the 3,500,000 fully paid-up issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 500,000 new shares of the Company of \$10 each, and that such 500,000 new shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of one such new share for every complete seven of the said issued shares then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so allotted shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the capital of the Company held by each shareholder and not as income, and further that such new shares shall as from the 1st day of July 1956 rank for dividend and in all other respects PARI PASSU with the already issued shares."

"If any member would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors in lieu of issuing fractional share certificates will cause the whole share to be issued to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the proceeds distributed among the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

2. "That in accordance with Article 11 of the Articles of Association of the Company there shall be offered to members who on the 15th day of March 1956 are the registered holders of the 3,500,000 fully paid-up issued shares of the Company 1,000,000 shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$10 each at par (such nominal value being payable in full upon application on or before the 1st day of July 1956) so that each member of the Company or his approved nominee shall be entitled to apply for and take up two new shares for every complete issued seven shares then held by such member. The shares so offered shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of July 1956 and in all other respects PARI PASSU with the already issued shares."

"If under the terms of the offer any member would be entitled to a fractional share, the Directors, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, will cause the whole share to be issued to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the net proceeds distributed among the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

"The Directors will dispose of any shares offered to members in the event of non-payment thereof by members or their approved nominees on or before the 1st day of July 1956 at such time or times in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as they may decide."

It is most important that any persons who have purchased shares in the Company but are not on the Register in respect thereof should, if they wish to take advantage of the offer, present their transfers for registration accompanied by the requisite share certificates on or before the 1st day of March 1956.

The offer will be made by notice sent by post to each shareholder specifying the number of shares to which each shareholder is entitled and such offer, if not accepted on behalf of such member or his nominee on or before the 1st day of July 1956 will be deemed to be declined.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Register of Members will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March, to Thursday, the 16th of March, 1956, both days inclusive.

Dated Hong Kong, this 17th day of February 1956.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. FELL,
Secretary.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Long Lie-In

THE young coloured man lay in bed in his room in a small hotel in Bloomsbury. It was 1.30 p.m., but the weather was far from inviting. There seemed to the young man no point in leaving his warm bed, so he lay on, dozing, day-dreaming of the warm land he had left four years before to come to Britain and make a fortune.

Not many fortunes are made by those who lie in bed so long, but the young man, whose name was Nelson, still had hopes that his case might be an exception.

THIRD CALL

NELSON'S thoughts were interrupted by a knock on the door. After a moment, the hotel's housekeeper, bustling in, "Your rent's due, sir," she said, "you told me you would pay today."

"Okay, okay," said Nelson. "I'll get up and pay, presently." The housekeeper left. At 3 p.m. she returned. Nelson was still in bed. He was still there when she came back at 5 p.m.

"I'll give you the money tomorrow," said Nelson. "That's not good enough."

Nelson sat up in his bed and let fly some oaths.

TALK IT OVER

"If you go on like that I'll fetch the police," said the housekeeper, and as Nelson did go on, she went to the telephone and dialled 999.

A pleasant young policeman arrived, and was conducted to Nelson's room. Nelson had risen, was part-dressed, and busy over the wash-basin.

"Now let's talk all this over amicably," the policeman began. Nelson glowered at him. "Talk with you?" he sneered. "You're an inspector, I want nothing to do with you, get out!" and he lunged a punch at the policeman's chest.

MAN OF PARTS

NEXT morning at Clerkenwell court Nelson, a tall, lean man of 29, pleaded not guilty to assaulting the officer, and when the prosecution story had been told, he was invited into the witness-box.

"Are you in work?" the learned clerk asked him. "At the moment, no."

"What is your work?" asked the magistrate, Mr. T. F. Davis. Nelson thought for a moment. "I'm a temporary postman, a machine-operator, an assistant electro-plate."

STRANGE UNIFORM

"WHEN did you last work?" "About October."

"Not since then?" "Precisely," said Nelson. "I am searching for a job to suit my capability and my delinquency."

"Why did you tell this uniformed policeman he was an impostor?" "I was not aware that his was the customary uniform of policemen."

"You've been here four years, and you don't know what a policeman's uniform looks like?" asked Mr. Davis.

"Precisely," said Nelson again. "And when he pulled me from the wash-basin I just tried to obey the natural laws of decency and dress, and."

"The housekeeper said his approach was friendly, and then you punched him."

"Pre-," Nelson swallowed the rest of the word. "Go to prison for six weeks," said the magistrate.

Nelson let out a short mirthless laugh, then with slow, shuffling steps left the court, as though he were suddenly tired. He had used up a lot of energy that morning, and been called too early for comfort. Perhaps in the rent-free lodgings they were taking him to, he would be able to catch up on his sleep.

Doctor's Evidence In Murder Trial

The cause of death of the deceased, Hung Oi-chung, was shock and internal haemorrhage from a stab wound of the liver, Dr. T. M. Teoh, Police Surgeon told the Court when the trial of a 27-year-old painter, Li Nung, for murder, continued before Mr Justice Reynolds and a Special Jury in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Dr Teoh said this stab wound, a three-cornered one which was on the front lower part of the right chest pierced through the cartilage to the liver to a depth of three inches.

The Prosecution stated that the accused was severely beaten up for allegedly tearing down a Chinese Nationalist paper flag posted to a door of the Yick Fung Export Factory in Castle Peak Road on Double Tenth last year. It was alleged that about two hours or so after the assault, which took place the following day, accused stabbed deceased, who was his former man in the dyeing department of the factory, to death with a triangular file.

Mr Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting. Divisional Detective Inspector W. E. Thomas is officer in charge of the case.

Accused is defended by Mr John Clifford and Mr Kenneth S. Gill, both instructed by Mr P. D. A. Remedios.

Earlier in this morning's proceedings, Dr Benjamin Ho, medical officer, said he was on duty in the casualty ward of the Kowloon Hospital on October 11, 1955, when deceased was brought in at about 3.45 p.m. Deceased was still alive but in a dying condition. He was in a state of shock and died 10 minutes after arrival.

WITNESS said he examined deceased upon arrival. There was a wound on the right lower side of the chest, and it was bleeding.

Dr Ho told Mr Clifford that in addition to the wound there were scratches on the arms on the face.

Dr T. M. Teoh, Police Surgeon, said he performed a post-mortem examination on the deceased on October 12 last. He found a three-cornered stab wound on the front lower part of the right chest. The wound, he said, was consistent with it being caused by an instrument such as a triangular file.

There were in addition an abrasion on the right side of the mouth, a shallow three-cornered cut wound on the left elbow and a shallow pin-point wound below the left pin-point.

The stab wound on the chest was three inches in depth and the direction was horizontal. The wound cut through the cartilage to the liver. It took considerable force to inflict the wound.

CAUSE OF DEATH was shock and internal haemorrhage from the stab wound of the liver. Dr Teoh said he examined the accused later on the same day. He found three dark blue bruises and four abrasions on the body. They were about 24 hours old.

Witness agreed with Mr Clifford that most of accused's injuries were on the back. He also agreed they were consistent with a man being attacked and keeping his head down whilst being hit.

Hearing is continuing.

Chinese Fishermen Sentenced

Rangoon, Feb. 29. A local magistrate's court in Mergui, 360 miles southeast of here, has sentenced 17 Chinese fishermen from Singapore to one year's hard labour each for alleged violation of Burmese territorial waters last January. The men were arrested by navy patrol gunboats. —Reuter.

Rebel Captured

Salvador, Brazil, Mar. 1. Major Haroldo Veloso, leader of a "miniature" rebellion against the Brazilian Government, was taken prisoner by a patrol of government troops near here yesterday afternoon, it was reported. —France Press.

REQUIEM MASS

A Requiem Mass for the late Mr Marcus Alberto da Silva, who died on February 20, was held at the St. Margaret's Church, Happy Valley, this morning.

There was a large attendance. The Very Rev. Fr. A. Riganelli, assisted by Fr. L. Bolls and Fr. V. Chan officiated.

H.E. Visits Two Schools

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, this morning visited two schools designed to raise Chinese pupils to a competitive position in their grasp of English without sacrificing the standard of Chinese educational studies.

The schools visited were the Po Kok Girls' Middle School in Happy Valley and the Special Chinese Centre, Kennedy Road.

The Governor was accompanied by the Director of Education, Mr Hon. D. J. S. Crozier and was welcomed by the Supervisor of the Po Kok School and Vice President of its sponsoring Buddhist Association, Mr Wong Hok-yan, and by the Principal Miss Lam Ling-tsun.

The school is a subsidised girls' vocational middle school with primary classes attached. It has an enrolment of 590.

SPECIAL COURSE

At the Special Classes Centre the Governor was welcomed by the organiser Mr F. J. F. Ting.

This centre, with an enrolment of 60 pupils, divided into three sets, gives a concentrated course in the English language to graduates of Chinese middle schools. It is designed to fit its graduates for positions demanding a good knowledge of spoken and written English. The school is equipped with a wide selection of mechanical equipment — gramophones and tape recorders of various kinds.

Graduates of this Centre will be eligible for entry to the Northcote Teacher Training College, the Government Clerical Service, and for a special one-year's course in English and Chinese literature, Chinese history, mathematics and sciences, in preparation for matriculation and entry to the University of Hongkong.

3 Injured In Road Accidents

Three persons were injured in traffic accidents on the roads of the Colony yesterday.

The first accident occurred in Queen's Road West near Central at 9.20 a.m. A four-year-old boy, Cheung Hung Lee, of 72 Fire Street, 2nd floor, sustained injuries in a collision with a bus. He was taken to hospital, where he is now detained.

A pedestrian, Yuen Wai Choy, aged 25, received head injuries when he was knocked down by a taxi in Queen's Road Central at 11.20 p.m. He is now detained in hospital for treatment.

In the third accident, a 14-year-old girl collided with a motor cycle in Tam Kung Road near Pak Tai Street at 2.15 p.m., when she ran head-on across the roadway. The girl, Wong Wai Lin, of 287, To Kwa Wan Road, ground floor, sustained injuries and was removed to hospital, where she is now detained.

Women Victims Of Snatchers

Three cases of larceny from the person were reported to the Police in Kowloon yesterday.

A Chinese woman lost a pair of earrings in Wing Sing Lane, in the Yau-mai district. The snatcher escaped. A wristlet watch was snatched from another Chinese woman as she was ascending a staircase in Tai Nam Street, in the Shamshuipo district. A suspect has been detained in connection with the theft of a fountain pen from a European male in Nathan Road.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Some day there'll be an executive job open, and then I'll notice how neat he looks!"

ADMIRABLE PERFORMANCE BY SCHOOLGIRLS

As a preliminary to the two public performances of "Papageno" which will open the musical section of the Festival of the Arts this week, the Diocesan Girls School has presented two extra performances for the Schools Music Association before audiences consisting entirely of schoolchildren. These took place at Wah Yan College, Kowloon, last Friday and last night.

"Papageno" is an adaptation of one of the three stories in Mozart's "Magic Flute." The full-length opera is somewhat complicated, reminiscent of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" with its three interwoven plots. This episode concerns the Birdcatcher, Papageno, his wooing of the fairy Papagena, his rescuing her with magic aid, and the hands of the Moor, Monostatos and his slaves, and the final union of the two lovers with the blessing of the Fairy Queen, a "rather changed" characterization of the original Queen of the Night. The Queen's three ladies have become a good-sized two-part chorus of fairies, sometimes admonishing, sometimes encouraging. The arrangement has been constructed by Michael Black, and it has become a delightful little opera, highly suitable for young performers.

The arts are well-chosen to make a coherent story, and the choruses clearly selected from here and there in the opera. Mozart would surely have approved of this charming adaptation.

TRUE AND SWEET

The singing throughout was fresh, true and sweet. The soloists all have pleasant voices which luckily have not been at all forced. Naturally the volume is not large, but Christine Wong (Papagena) has a higher range that shows promise of becoming more powerful; and Annie Chey (the narrator) has a fine clear speaking voice.

The "Magic Flute" has much spoken dialogue, and the idea of a spoken introduction to each scene of "Papageno" is quite appropriate.

The two principal male parts, Papageno and Monostatos, are played by Jane Yuen and Elizabeth Lun. Jane Yuen's Papageno is a cheerful and charming fellow, whose native tongue is immediately recognizable. Her voice is light and clear, and combines well in the duets with Papagena. Elizabeth Lun as Monostatos, with colourful urban and scimitar, provides the drama and passion of the story, and conveys it well in her singing. Her stance and attitude are suitably aggressive, but her arm swung a little too loosely while she was singing. The duel scene between the two frightened heroes is admirably done.

It was wise of the producers to have insisted on a minimum of gesture during the singing — only a few definite, emphatic and significant movements which did not distract from the enunciation (which was excellent throughout) and the actual musical expressiveness.

The production, by Mrs Nancy O'Connell, is smooth and well-timed. Miss Nora Edwards has made an excellent job of the

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